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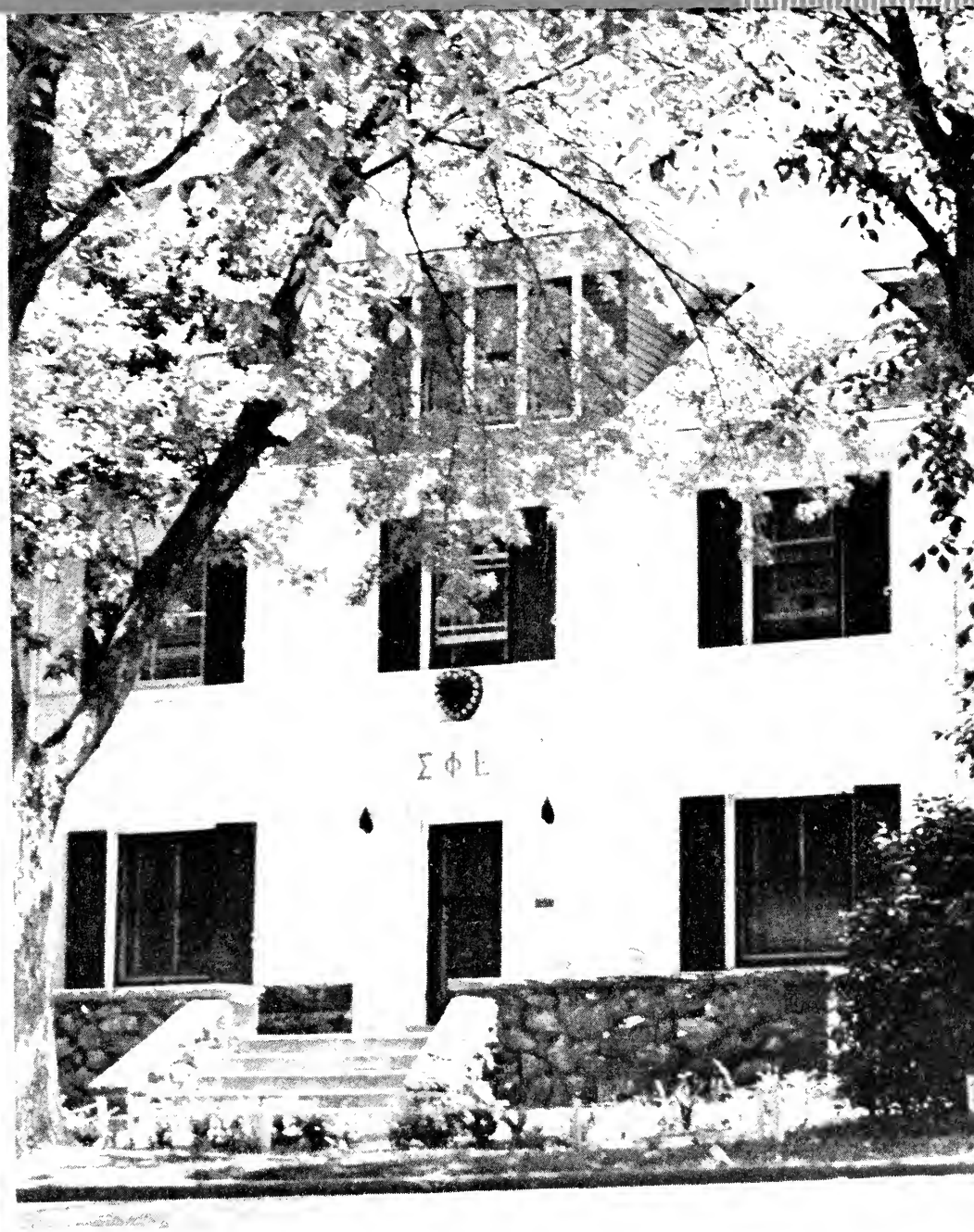
Sig Ep House at Colorado Mines



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SIGMA PHI EPSILON

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When in this world a
miracle is wrought,
'Tis by the loving heart
and not by thought.

—GOETHE

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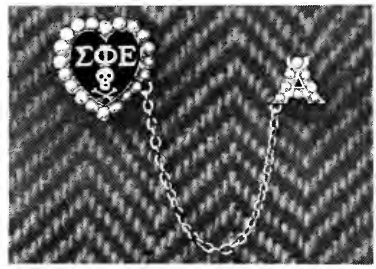


**THE Saturday Night Club has grown up. The original fellows in Richmond who took that name began a good brotherhood. It has grown big and it has also grown high. Though it may not yet have reached the height of the ideals voiced by its Founders, the story by Founder Carter Jenkens in this issue will disclose that they are within grasp.**

**From the small original group, Sig Ep has grown to more than 35,000 brothers all over the globe. It has been a progressive and a hard-working fraternity.**

**Sig Ep is 38th in order of founding among 60 national fraternities. It is 14th in membership among these and 8th in number of chapters. It has 102 chapters in 39 states and the District of Columbia. It has almost that many organized alumni groups.**

**This issue being the sort it is, with a great playing up of various attractions, news of the doings of our chapters in force must be postponed until next time. So must the stories of last spring's district conventions and several other features prepared for this issue but crowded out.**

**This issue shows how well Sigma Phi Epsilon has grown. Through its fine houses, its celebrated alumni, the ideals of its Founders, and—most important of all—through the right kind of fellows and the right kind of living on Fraternity Row. —J. R.**

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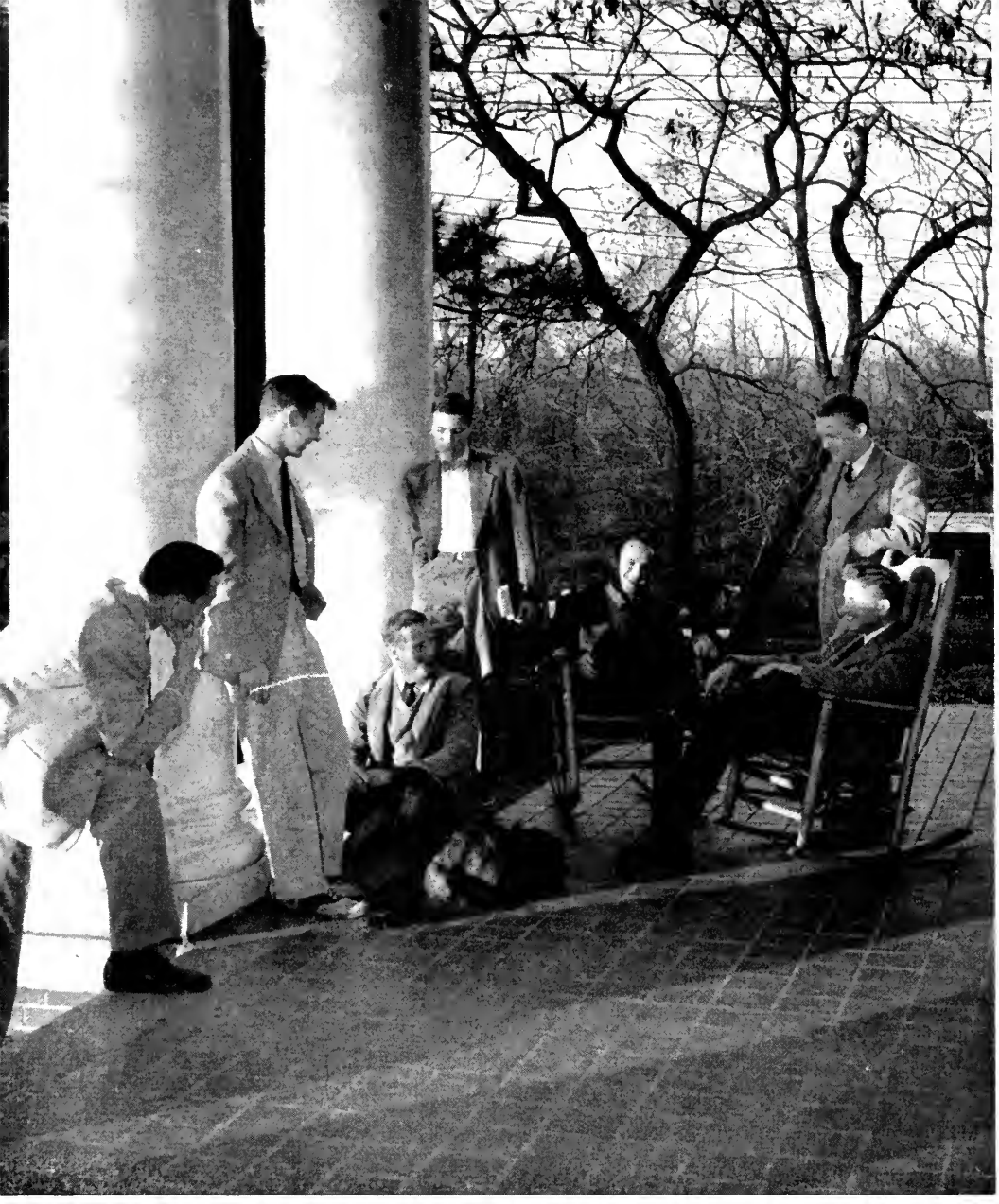


These men of the U. of Virginia are fraternity brothers. Their house is a real home.

# Sig Eps at Virginia

*No one could tell me where my soul might be;*
*I searched for God but He eluded me;*
*I sought my brother out and found all three.*

—ERNEST HOWARD CROSBY

Dartmouth men touch up a display they will use to introduce their Fraternity to new men.

# Come Visit Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Man flourishes best in a setting of honest brotherhood. There he is happiest, his instincts the noblest, and his understanding as broad as all humanity.**

The two Dartmouth Sig Eps pictured on this page are preparing to tell a group of new college freshmen they have invited to the house all about Sigma Phi Epsilon.

They will tell them that while all college fraternities are in a sense the same, still they are also different.

Sigma Phi Epsilon, for example, was founded and is supposed to be operated not materialistically, but on the Christian principle of brotherhood. They will explain that their Sig Ep chapter is a family, really, and their house is in every sense a home. The name *Brother* possesses an agreeably honest ring.

They will tell them how the Fraternity was founded, and when, how it is progressing today, and who its devoted national leaders are. They will tell them about the Central Office and its staff, the field secretaries who visit the chapters; about the annual District Conventions during which leadership is taught to the many delegates who attend them; and many other things.

"Do you have any celebrated alumni?" they are asked. The Dartmouth men show them pictures.

"How many chapters are there?"

"There are 102." They show the rushees pictures of fine Sig Ep houses.

"But can one learn anything in a fraternity house?" the rushees ask.

"Yes. The most valuable lesson is that of learning to live with one's fellows."

Interested readers may glance through these pages for a quick visit to the domain of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Good fraternity life is the answer for those who feel the need of brotherhood at college.

And all men who go to college do need it. They will be tomorrow's teachers. For wise men have discovered that the world will be better off with an understanding of brotherhood among all men. They know that the penalty for unbrotherliness is death.

Founder Carter Jenkens relating story of the founding at Kansas City Conclave.

# And So Sigma Phi Epsilon Was Born

**By FOUNDER CARTER ASHTON JENKENS**

**Because in 1901 twelve humble, great-hearted students on the campus of Richmond College hungered for brotherhood, a new fraternity was created.**

ALLEN

CARTER

COX

KERFOOT

FEW of us still live who were present at the birth of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Fifty years have now passed since was set that humble scene on the campus of Richmond College in Virginia.

I had been a fraternity man at Rutgers. I entered Richmond College in September, 1900, at the age of eighteen. Fortunately I had enjoyed quite an intensive scholastic preparation, having graduated at the High School, New Brunswick, N.J., then a post-graduate course at Rutgers Preparatory, and had completed the first year at Rutgers.

As a freshman at Rutgers I became a member of the Chi Phi Fraternity, which I loved so well that the first thing I undertook after entering Richmond was to apply for a chapter for my new alma mater. I had the unselfish and brilliant co-operation of, first, my life-long chum, William Hugh Carter, second, my beloved roommate, the immortal "Those" Wright; then that dynamic Billy Phillips; next the peerless orator Ben Gaw; and finally the sweet-spirited William Wallace. These were the parents of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Finally in the fall of 1901 a letter from Chi Phi declined to grant us a chapter on the basis that Richmond, with her 300 students approximately, was too small an institution for the establishment of a Chi Phi chapter, but the letter suggested that I organize a local brotherhood. Our sextet proceeded to obey the suggestion.

It fell to me as a student in senior Greek, and the only one in the little group who had any knowledge of college fraternal life to lay the foundation; to dignify it with a fitting cognomen; to beautify and adorn it with meaningful colors; to design an emblem that would resound the rhythm of its glory to the end of time.

To those who know the meaning of the Purple and the Red, and what it is that changes one to the other, and the hallowed teaching of our grip, it can be readily understood that no other emblem than our own beloved Heart could have occurred to me.

At this point, I sent the design for our pin to Sam Eaton, a jeweler in New Bern, N.C., who was engaged to my sister Jessie. Just as he had completed the first six pins (these were larger than our present ones), scintillating with amethyst and garnet stones, alternating, we were called to meet a Committee of the Faculty. We had chosen the name *Sigma Phi.*

In the office of Dr. J. A. C. Chandler we were informed that a Sigma Phi already existed in the State of New York. Like a flash from Heaven it came to me that we could add *Epsilon* and intensify our motto.

At once I sent Sam Eaton the design conveying the change: "Cut out the stone at the bottom of the Heart, substitute black enamel, on which engrave a little golden E."

Nothing deterred us. We gathered in other outstanding characters, during the winter of 1901: Lucian Cox, Richard Owens, Edgar Allen, Robert McFarland, Frank Kerfoot, and Tom McCaul. We made these men Founders also.

Thus was born Sigma Phi Epsilon, a brotherhood of mighty power, whose ideals are those of the church of Jesus Christ for the establishment of peaceful living among all men through brotherhood.

**Founder William L. Phillips addressing group at Florida State installation May 6.**

McCAUL

McFARLAND

OWENS

GAW

WALLACE

WRIGHT

Blanketed with snow, a section of Carroll's main campus lies quiet because it is Sunday. Tomorrow the library at right and Science Hall in background will bustle with students.

Chapter officers: From left, Comptroller and House manager Don Preuss, Historian Gay Brunner, Secretary Bill Plier, President Bill Checkis, and V-P Gerry Jurgensen.

# Come Visit Carroll College

By GEORGE HERBRAND

**Fraternity life on the campus at Waukesha has fine rewards when there is genuine leadership and a master plan of chapter operation.**

THE largest fraternity at Carroll and the only one of nine fraternities and sororities to have a house began its history as Gamma

With Jim Walthers directing, Sig Ep took first among groups in annual school sing.

Frank Koenig and Milt Kapitz (far right) work with faculty in planning choir work.

Sig Ep is largest chapter (about 70), and some members live in Caples Hall, men's dorm.

Sig Eps put finishing touches on their float for Homecoming, one of college highlights.

Phi Delta local in 1912 and as Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1940.

Carroll men are proud of their alma mater as the state's oldest college, which was incorporated in 1846 and named for Charles Carroll, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

They are also proud of their campus of 37 acres and 15 buildings. Lowry Hall, a modern science building, was completed last year. A chapel, a student commons, and a fraternity quadrangle are planned. There are two national and three local fraternities and three national and one local sorority.

Under Dr. Nelson Vance Russell, tenth president, who took office in 1946, Carroll's liberal arts tradition is being strengthened. It has a student body of 650, a faculty of 56.

Sig Eps are fortunate in having such a grand faculty mentor as Dean Ralph Nanz and persistent alumni sparkplug as John Wheeler.

Chapter officers are especially active in campus life. Don Preuss, comptroller and house manager, is in the Spanish Club; Gay Brunner, historian and steward, is president of Pi Kappa Delta and a member of the Student Senate; Bill Plier, secretary, is track manager; Bill Checkis, president and a member of the varsity football team; Gerry Jurgensen, vice-president, is newly elected president of Student Senate.

Turn the page to see Carroll Sig Eps at play.

Orphans are entertained at annual Christmas party. Chapter also supports 10-year-old Dutch boy through the Foster Parent Plan.

Sig Ep Gay Brunner leads Carroll debate team of which three members are from chapter.

# Carroll Sweetheart Cruise

Sig Eps and their dates are shown at top of page aboard *S. S. Milwaukee Clipper* on whose decks Sweetheart Formal was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Jim Walthers and Sweetheart J
Deuster who also wears his pi

Faculty adviser Dean Ralph Nanz (wearing cap) is greeted by John Wheeler, while at left Muskegon's mayor Henry DeVette watches.

Dance gets under way in lounge of clipper.

One hundred and two years at Carroll have never witnessed anything like the Spring Sweetheart Formal. It was held aboard a lake liner and was something really big.

Early Saturday morning, May 27, members and guests boarded the *S.S. Milwaukee Clipper* which plies between the beer city and Muskegon. Police escort had sped the group from Waukesha to Milwaukee, sirens and all. The city sent its new fireboat *The Deluge* to put on a display and the mayor's office pronounced an official *bon voyage*.

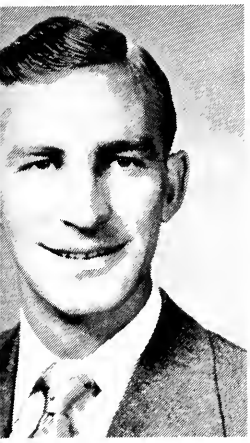
Breakfast was eaten aboard and this was followed by rites similar to the shellback proceedings that are imposed on sailors crossing the equator for the first time.

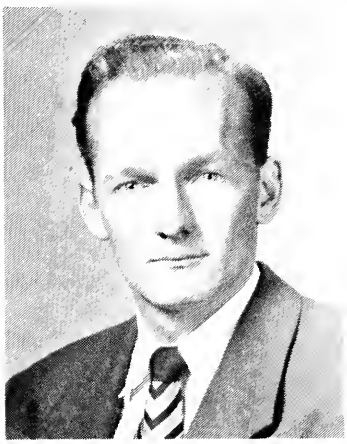
At the dock, Muskegon's mayor Henry J. DeVette welcomed the voyagers, who came ashore for two hours before reboarding the ship in formal attire for the dinner-dance.

The formal was accorded a full page of pictures and story in the Milwaukee *Journal* and other national publicity.

# Let's Look In On Texas

Sig Ep float in the Texas Round-up, displaying one of the beauties for which campus is noted.



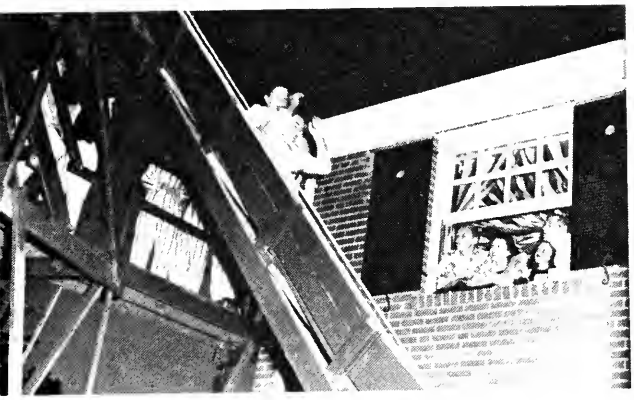


One of chapter's biggest men is Larry Warburton (left), Chief Justice of the Student Court and president of APO, national service organization. Yearbook chose him as "Outstanding Student" for two years. C. B. Sumrall (right) was voted "Most Outstanding Sig Ep" by his chapter brothers. Past president of Physical Education Majors, he sparked the Sig Ep softball team to the All-University Championship.

For the last ten years, Sig Ep at Texas has captured more softball titles than any other organization. It has won the title now for three consecutive years, beating the Lambda Chi Alphas in the 1950 finals. Next came track and the Sig Eps defeated the SAE's and Kappa Sigs for the Fraternity Championship. Bill Yeatman copped a further honor for the house when he took the Southwestern Weight-lifting Championship in the 148-pound class. Although historian did not identify men in picture below, they're the ones who did it.

# Oregon Staters Have Clean Fun

They can't wait to go . . .



down the slide and . . .

across the floor . . .

FOR 12 years, one of Sigma Phi Epsilon's gayest parties at Oregon State has been the Fireman's Ball. Featuring pre-dance shindigs, old fire engines, a three-story slide, the Sig Ep German band, fantastic pajamas, and endless horseplay, it always rates as best dance of the campus spring term.

For a week before the dance, the old-time German band serenades women's houses and presents small fire engines as favors to Sig Ep dates. Full-sized fire engines lead a parade through town to pick up the dates.

The slide is a prefabricated wooden structure supported by steel pipes inserted into permanent concrete bases. It is readily assembled and torn down.

Partygoers must climb a ladder to a second-story window to enter the house, then proceed through weirdly decorated rooms to crawl out another window onto the slide. This year sliders hurtled through the mouth of a giant skull and shot out the door of the Devil's furnace across the floor into a mattress pile. Dancing in the basement party room followed, though guests, garbed in loud pajamas splashed with bright designs, could slide as much as they wished.

to be tossed some more:

Dr. C. Warren Hovland, Wisconsin Alpha '40, chats with campus wheel Ron Clarke, Oregon Alpha, '50. In his first year on campus, the popular philosophy professor has taken an active interest in Oregon Alpha. Blue Key member Ron Clarke headed Religious Embassy Week among many other activities this year.

# But Believe First In Clean Manhood

THROUGHOUT the years God has been good to Sig Eps of Oregon State, who have a scholarship history second to none among the Fraternity Rows of America. But Oregon State Sig Eps have always been good to themselves.

Though their longtime adviser, Dean U. G. Dubach, is no longer with them, his principles are. For more than a score of years Dean Dubach converted *virtue, diligence,* and *brotherly love* into teachable principles for men of Oregon Alpha.

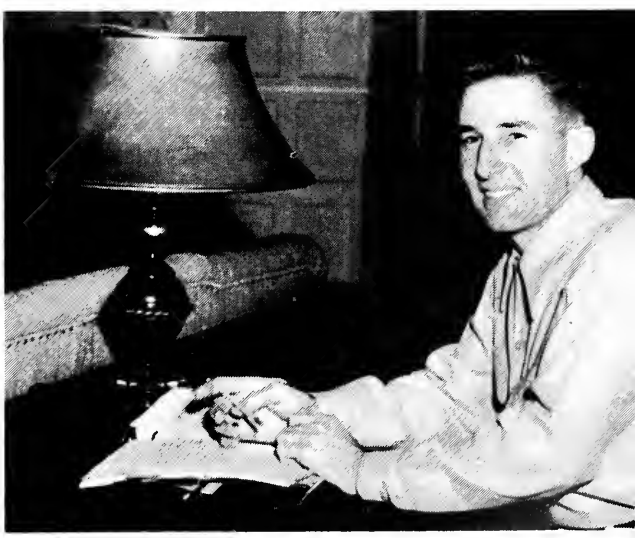
The Dean always said that no Sig Ep chapter should rush or pledge nincompoops. Oregon Alpha never has.

This spring, Oregon Alpha's freshman class, judged most outstanding on the Oregon State campus, carried home the coveted Phil Small Thane trophy. Awarded by Thanes, sophomore service society, this trophy is presented to the living group whose freshmen excel in scholarship, participation in activities, and in athletic competition. Points are given in each of these three categories for individual participation and averaged for the group. In the heated rivalry for honors, Sig Ep rooks topped all others in activities, in scholarship, and in athletics.

Presentation of the award was made at the special Mother's Weekend convocation. The large rotating trophy and a smaller permanent cup were joyously received.

Bob Young, Oregon Alpha, '51, new editor of Oregon State's *Daily Barometer*, inherited this job from brother Jim Barratt, Oregon Alpha, '50. Bob was editor of *Tech Record*, engineering magazine, and maintained an honor roll average.

Jim Gray, Oregon Alpha, '51, new president of Blue Key as Memorial Union president has greatly expanded the Union activity program. He is a past president of Thanes.



The Waterman Memorial Building at Vermont houses the offices of college administration.

Ira Allen Chapel (with clock) was named in honor of founder of University. Stone building at right is Billings Library.

# Expansion Train Visits Vermont

By GEORGE D. VERNIMB

**Sig Ep's twosome becomes a threesome in the Green Mountain State when the University of Vermont at Burlington joins Norwich and Middlebury May 27.**

THE University of Vermont and State Agriculture College became on May 27 the home of the 102nd chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. This is the Gamma chapter for the state and gives Sig Ep representation on each of the state's three college campuses—Norwich, Middlebury, and now Vermont.

Two teams, one from Vermont Alpha and the other from Vermont Beta, conducted the initiation held at the Sigma Nu Fraternity house. Grand President Charles S. Thompson, Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr., District Governor T. L. Sanderson, and Assistant to the Grand Secretary, Frank J. Ruck, Jr., officiated.

Thirteen men became charter members of Vermont Gamma. Five were already

members at large. They included Walter Conrad Bailey III, Frank L. Barker, Jr., Maurice C. Dastons, John Wilson McNair III, and George Donald Vernimb. In addition James R. Jennings, Jr., transferred from Vermont Alpha to this campus. New initiates were Richard Calvin Baker, Fred H. Dieckmann, Sibley Reginald Esden, Gilbert James Gallup, Eugene Charles Hanchett, Russell Elmer Pearl, and Alfred Gille Roussin.

Much aid was furnished us by Vermont Alpha and Beta. Without their interest it is doubtful whether we would have succeeded. Burlington area alumni worked very closely with the Vermont Sig Ep club. Probably the largest bouquet should go to James R. Jennings, Jr. His enthusiasm has been boundless and his efforts prodigious over a long period.

The installation banquet was held at the Happy Acres Inn beginning at 6:30 Saturday evening. James R. Jennings, Jr., acted as toastmaster. Dean R. N. B. Haugen and Public Relations Director James R. Jennings, Sr., welcomed Sigma Phi Epsilon to the campus on behalf of President William Carlson and the University of Vermont. Unfortunately President Carlson was unable to attend. Dean Haugen discussed the need for new fraternities at the University of Vermont and expressed his pleasure at being able to welcome Sig Ep. Pete Hazelton, in his capacity of president, represented the I.F.C. George McKee, of the Northern Vermont Alumni Association, offered the chapter all the aid that possibly could be given.

Class Day oration at Vermont in honor of founder. Statue wears robes for the event.

Grand President Charles S. Thompson presented the Vermont Gamma Charter to Walter C. Bailey, III, president of Vermont Gamma. A flag was presented to the chapter by the other District I Sig Ep groups.

Because the installation occurred during final exams no dance was held.

On Sunday morning, Frank Ruck installed the officers. These are the following: president, Walter Bailey, III; vice-president, Sibley R. Esden; comptroller, John McNair; historian, George Vernimb; and secretary, Frank L. Barker, Jr.

Beauty of Vermont campus at Burlington is apparent in this summertime aerial view.

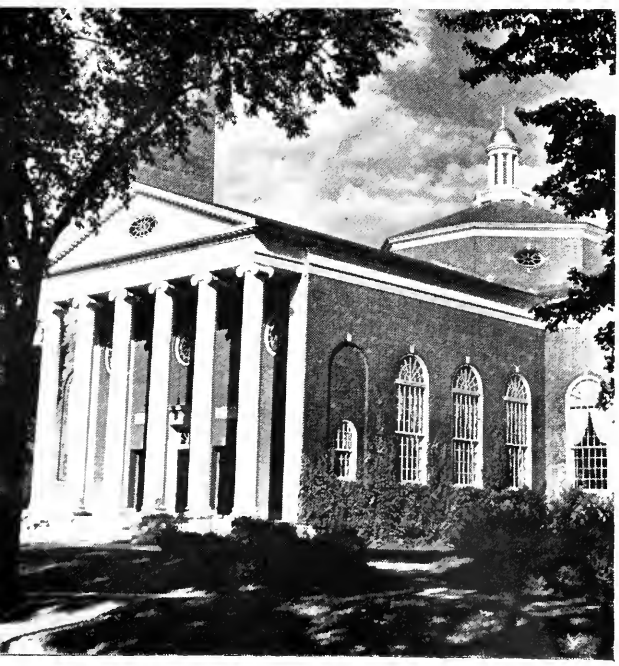
## The University

The University is located at Burlington, Vt., overlooking an attractive city located on the shores of Lake Champlain. It was chartered in 1791, and is the eighteenth oldest institution of higher learning in the United States and the first institution founded by State Legislature action to offer instruction at the university level. The initials U.V.M., by which the University is popularly known, are derived from the Latin words "*Universitas Viridid Montis*," which means "University of the Green Mountains."

The University owes its foundation to Ira Allen, who gave four thousand pounds to help establish a university in Burlington. He has aided more than any other one man in forming the State and in preserving its integrity through the troubled years preceding its admission to the Union. Instruction was begun by the first president, Daniel C. Sanders, in 1800 and four years later the first class was graduated. In 1872 women were first admitted.

The Hon. Justin S. Morrill, Representative and later Senator from Vermont, sponsored the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862, which provided for colleges to teach Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. Under this act the Legislature chartered the Vermont Agriculture College in 1864, then the two corporations were joined by mutual agreement in a new corporation, the University of Vermont and State Agriculture College. Four-year courses in agriculture and home economics were offered and later the extension service and experiment station were established by the Legislature. Courses in civil engineering were first given in 1829, then four-year curricula in civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering followed.

Close-up of the Ira Allen Chapel.



The study of medicine began with the appointment in 1804 of a lecturer in chirurgery and anatomy, and a full course of medical lectures was offered in 1822 by the co-operation of an association of doctors and the University. From this developed the Medical College, which was finally taken completely into the University in 1908. Since 1920, women have been admitted to this college.

Since 1944, Vermont has offered preclinical classroom instruction for the nursing students of most Vermont hospitals.

In 1946, the University was reorganized into its present divisions. Some of the most recently added curricula include nursing, business administration, agricultural engineering, industrial education, and business education.

In the summer of 1948, U.V.M. sponsored its first foreign study program. Under this program, known as *The Marshall Plan in Action Course*, a group of 300 students and seven faculty members from many American colleges and universities traveled through Western Europe to study the European Recovery Program at first hand. At the present time, plans are in progress for a continuation of this unusual educational enterprise.

The grounds of the University include the main campus of about 75 acres on which most of the academic and administrative buildings are located around a large, tree-shaded "College Green." That section of the main campus which lies between The Green and Converse Hall has been developed recently by the erection of several buildings and is now known as the East Campus.

Three blocks south of The Green is Redstone Campus, a beautiful residential area for women students which commands an

Charter members of Vermont Gamma of Sigma Phi Epsilon, installed on May 27, 1950.

unparalleled view of Mt. Mansfield and Camel's Hump.

Centennial Athletic Field, an 11-acre tract a short distance west of the main campus, provides excellent facilities for intercollegiate athletic contests. The seating capacity of the football stadium is approximately 5,000 and of the baseball stadium, approximately 3,000.

A University Farm of 300 acres adjoins the campus and is equipped for agricultural experimental and research projects. There is also a Research Forest of more than 300 mountain acres located in Jericho, another of 200 acres on Pease Mountain in Charlotte, and the Proctor Maple Research Farm in Underhill.

Other national fraternities on the campus are Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi, and Tau Epsilon Phi. There are in addition three locals.

Sororities include Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Phi Epsilon, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Gamma, and Gamma Phi Beta (colony).

Of the fraternities, Sigma Phi is the oldest, having received its charter in 1845. Four others arrived there in the last century. While the fraternities live in their own houses, the sororities are provided rooms for their activities by the school. Of the sisterhoods, the oldest is Kappa Alpha Theta, which was installed on the campus in 1881. The doors are open to further expansion.

## A Founder's Vision

ONE evening some months after I had come to Richmond and my request for a Chi Phi charter had been refused, I was sitting at my desk studying a passage of Greek for the next day, and I fell asleep.

I dreamed that I saw a great black cloud low over this university, and I saw lightning, and heard the reverberations of the thunder. I saw nations at war, I saw homes destroyed; I saw ten hundred thousand monuments to the newly dead soldiers of the earth. And I asked the Recording Angel, who stood by my side, what meant such a scene in the university of God. And he answered me quietly, saying, "Men have failed to understand the simple teachings of the Prince of the Earth."

I woke, and I bowed my head and when I slept the Angel returned and he showed me a world in which the cloud had broken.

And I asked the Angel of God what had brought about this change in the old universe. And he pointed me to a passage of Scripture, in Matthew 22:37 to 40:

*And Jesus said unto him: "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart and thy neighbor as yourself."*

And my friends, the name of Sigma Phi Epsilon was born—the philosophy of love, the love of which Jesus spoke in that passage of Scripture where He laid down the only foundation on which the world can have peace. This is the principle on which our Fraternity was founded. CARTER ASHTON JENKENS

# Old Alpha Girds For Golden Event

By WILLIAM W. CHAFFIN

Virginia Alphans and dates at Spring Formal.

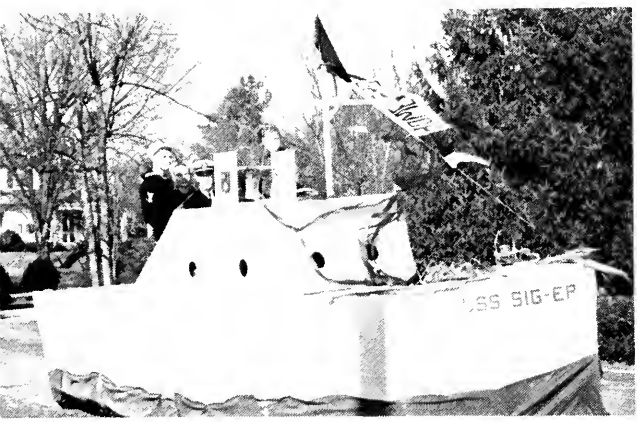
Founder Uncle Billy Phillips, once Grand Secretary, labored persistently for nearly 50 years to give Sigma Phi Epsilon its size. Here he relates Conclave plans to Richmond men.

HALF a century of achievement and progress of Sigma Phi Epsilon will be celebrated at Richmond, Va., in September, 1951, when the Golden Anniversary Conclave will bring the delegates to town for a three- or four-day stay.

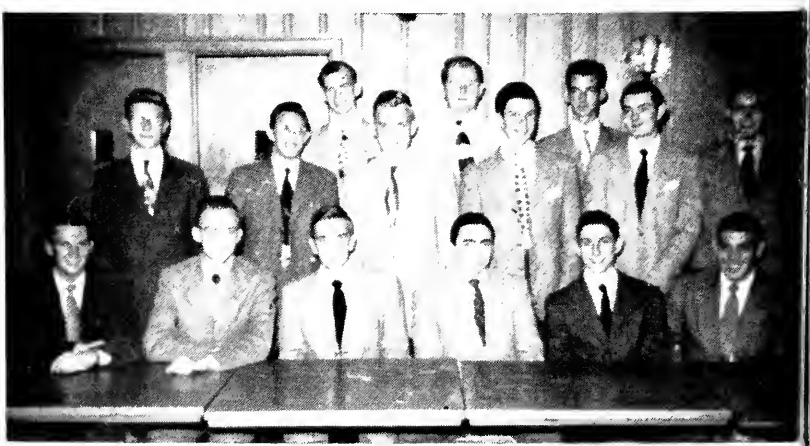
Virginia Alpha at the University of Richmond can brag of being one of the best chapters on campus. The chapter has men in all phases of school activities not to mention the endless list of distinguished alumni.

At present, the Mother Chapter can boast of having the president of the outgoing senior class, president of the incoming sophomore class, the sports editor and associate editor of the school paper, president of the school band, a senator-at-large to the student government, president of the inter-Collegiate Chess Association, the star pitcher of the freshman baseball team, a varsity debater, and the vice-president of one of the literary societies.

As a group, the chapter has participated prominently in university functions.




Above, a view of Virginia Alpha's float in the 1949 Homecoming parade. At right, the chapter's most recent pledge class.



A wonderful tradition at Kentucky has helped make a better chapter. It is Mothers' Day and these boys have just taken their housemother, Mrs. Sweatt, to church. This has become an annual event.

# Looking Ahead to Harvest Time

**By Grand Guard FRANK H. HAMACK**

**Our leaders hold ideals foremost, for only by watching them constantly can they know whether their policies and actions are right or wrong.**

For countless centuries this time of the year has brought to peoples everywhere the realization that soon they would know what they might expect by way of reward for their labors in the fields. And so too we have been admonished that "By their fruits ye shall know them."

As I look out of the window I can see beautiful blooms that just a day or so ago were but bulges of little shoots seeking the sun and the higher reaches. And I think, as I have thought many times before, how like our fraternity existence is this ever-present process of nature.

Parents and members of Kansas Gamma at the annual Parents' Day banquet at Lawrence in 1949.

In the fall and winter all good fraternity men are engaged in bringing to newly registered students in our many colleges the story of brotherhood, of fellowship. Our own members are as the tillers of the soil, preparing the best surroundings, the best community, may we say, into which these young men may be absorbed. There are so many problems confronting us if we sincerely carry out our responsibilities.

We might ask ourselves the same questions that the farmer or nurseryman asks; as Do I have the best soil for these plants? —Have I used the best fertilizers?—and others equally important. Now let us transpose these questions into terms of fraternity.

Is our house the best spot in which these pledges (young plants or seeds) can make the best growth? Have we insured that there shall be plenty of sunshine (fellowship) in which growth and morale shall follow? Do we as older plants offer, by precept and example, help and guidance in the growth?

Now let us move in another direction, and carefully weigh our actions. Have we chosen the young plants for our fellowship that have chances of surviving? Did we pick strong, virile, well-balanced plants? Will they last for a season, or shall they blossom, grow, and thrive, and in the end as alumni be a continuous source of strength to our brotherhood?

Then again, shall we cultivate and nurture them that they may survive the more important challenges of life? Shall the blooms from all of these plants everywhere be exhibits of fraternity of which all men are proud?

I repeat, I like the harvest time—when we can look about, relax, and see the fruits of our toils, of our care. And so I enjoy each year at this season to see these young men, different in so many evident ways, as they go about their tasks. Do you as actives and as alumni also devote a bit of time to such thought? Have you reason to be proud? Then, do you feel at times that you have not done the best job of which you are capable?

To make a great fraternity you must have dynamic, thoughtful hard-working and sin-

One of the twelve Founders, the author was named first Grand Chaplain in 1947.

# Look In, Out, and On

By REV. THOMAS V. McCAUL

*WHAT men are the best men? The suggestions I have to make to recognize the best men are very simple and self-evident truths in keeping with the principles of our beloved Fraternity.*

### Look In

*"Let a man examine himself." (I Cor. 11:28.) Now we know that the wrapping is not the important thing about a package. Nor are clothes the important thing about the man; but in both cases it is what is inside that counts. So it is not our fine company manners that count what we are when not on parade. But to know what is inside we must look within. "Man looketh on the outward appearance; but God looketh on the heart." (I Sam. 16:7.) Let us remember that "Out of the heart are the issues of life . . ." (Prov. 4:23); and humbly pray as did the Psalmist: "Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me and know my thought . . ." (Psalms 139:23.)*

### Look Out

*"In all things be circumspect." (Exodus 23:13.) Now circumspect is a big word; but*

*easy to understand. Paul says "See that ye walk circumspectly." (Eph. 5:15.) Did you ever watch a cat walking on a board fence? How careful she is! Well, she is walking circumspectly. Being circumspect is being on the Lookout. Note R.R. Crossings, Highway signs. Look out or we will get hurt or hurt others.*

*But there are other dangers and perils besides those which threaten our bodies. Dangers which imperil our souls. Temptations; yes, the great tempter himself, who may come to us in many forms—sometimes very attractive—and makes wrong appear very pleasant.*

*Sometimes it is through companions; sometimes it is some harmful indulgence or pleasure; sometimes the desecration of the Holy Lord's Day. The tempter tells us that these things are NOT wrong and deceives us. Sometimes it is some dangerous but fascinating habit like gambling which will surely ruin any person; sometimes it may be liquor and all of its dreadful results; sometimes it is filthy literature so much of which is abroad in the land today, and sometimes it may be the danger of false and half-baked teaching which would destroy our faith in God and religion. Look out for all of these things. There are some who think it is smart to appear skeptical about religion. Let us look out for those who would make us doubt; for the demon, doubt, will lead us into despair. Let us avoid people and literature which do not respect God. Look out for self. And look out for others.*

**Look On**

*"The prudent man looketh well to his going" (Prov. 14:15). While we are young we ought to LOOK ON—that is look to the future, ahead. We ought to have some worthwhile purpose in view. We can not all be great and clever or famous; but we can be good. So look on to that worthy goal. Let us look ahead and know where we are going, and that we are building character—character which will stand the test of time and eternity. Yes, and most important of all, look forward to ETERNITY.*

cere men. In this group will be some destined to lead; others to follow as good citizens. Not all will be ball-packing quarterbacks; many will be in the line. It is balance, cohesion, co-operation, unity, we cherish.

At no time in history has the fraternity life been on trial before the bar of public opinion as it is today. The answer is not to be given by defensive strategy, by crawling on bending knees looking for crumbs. Rather it must be by a continuous adherence to the finest of principles to be found in our teachings; a strong, sturdy, robust, intelligent harvesting of our resources, to the end that the world may come to know that the fruits of fraternity are worth while, that they do result in the building of God-fearing men with principles, who are bound to be good men, good citizens, and believing in and practicing the finest in the brotherhood of man. I say it is time that we come out in the open, aggressively stating the principles of fraternity, and practicing that which we preach. No surer way to success is available; none other needs to be considered.

Don't for a moment forget the great part you are playing in making the educational plant a producing one—many college administrators will tell you that in the fraternity system they find their greatest aid.

President Frederick L. Hovde of Purdue University points out that "Many of the important lessons of life and experience cannot be taught or learned in the university classroom—such lessons must be learned by each individual student himself through the impact of his environment and by participation in the community life of the institution."

Dr. J. Hillis Miller, president of the University of Florida, who is an initiate of our Fraternity's parent chapter—Richmond—has intense faith in the positive force of fraternity for enlightenment.

"Whatever the exceptions may be," he wrote recently in an article for the JOURNAL, "the fact remains that the college fraternity movement bears the name which defines the concept upon which the hope of the world must ultimately rest. That in itself is a challenge of unmistakable importance."

Men of Iowa State and their housemother, seated around the traditional oval table, raise their voices in a song of fellowship. At the right is another view of the table.

# Iowa State's Fellowship Table

By BOB MERRIAM

THROUGH the years the faces and even the house at Iowa Beta may change, but the returning alumni are always greeted by the same hospitality and traditions that were originated in the early days of the chapter. The widely known large, oval dining-room table is one of the unchanging physical features of Iowa Beta at Ames.

The history of the single dining-room table dates back to 1917 to the first Sig Ep house at Iowa State.

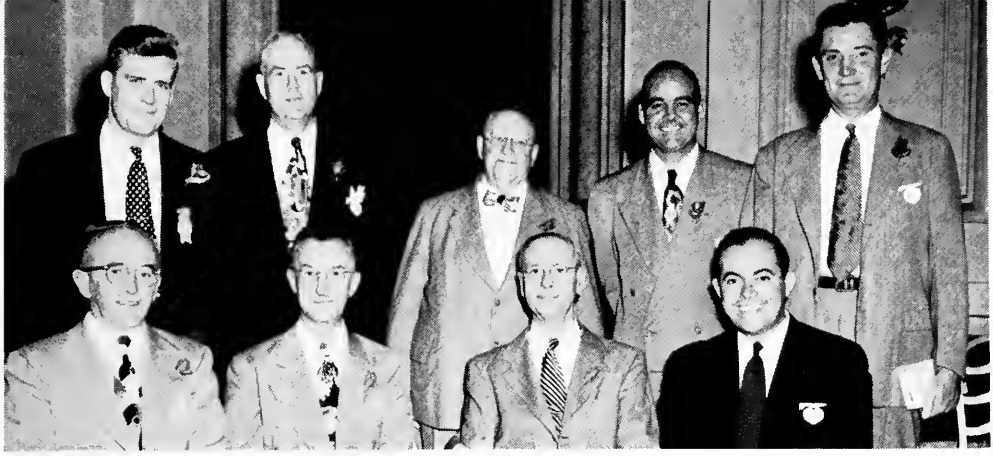
It was the end of the semester and by way of celebration an informal stag gathering was in progress. The boys were still living in the Kappa Kappa Kappa house on Lincoln-Way. At the time all present were sitting around at various small tables and, recognizing the inconvenience, someone remarked how nice it would be to sit together at one large table at every meal. Paul M. Mueller spoke up and promised to get such a table speedily.

When the chapter moved into the larger house in the fall of '17, the new table was placed in use. This table was a beloved fixture until 1932 when the present house was completed on Gray Avenue.

The beautiful new house designed by Amos B. Emery, Pennsylvania Delta '22, provided a dining-room to facilitate one large table and thus a new table was constructed accordingly. It was fashioned of oak and provided sitting space for 36 persons. This table, considerably larger than the first, has remained as much a part of Sig Ep at Iowa State as the name.

Our fellowship around the table endears it to us more than anything else but its benefits are countless. Parents praise its purpose. It has often proved an asset during rush week. It impresses the girls wonderfully during exchanges and when that certain someone is eating at the house on Sunday.

Each Sunday following an initiation, the new initiates pitch fifty pennies into the bowl. Friendly rivalry comes from shooting for the highest number of hits.



The Grand Officers. From left, standing, Junior Grand Marshal Russ Pratt, Past G. P. Larkin Bailey, Grand Secretary Emeritus W. L. Phillips, Grand Historian Luis Roberts, Senior Grand Marshal Bob Kelly. Seated: Grand Guard Frank H. Hamack, Grand Vice-president Dr. William C. Smolenske, Grand President Charles S. Thompson, and Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr. Grand Treasurer Edwin Buchanan was not present when photograph was taken.

# National Leaders of Skill and Vision

The national officers of Sigma Phi Epsilon are without exception men who have been elected to those offices because of ability long demonstrated and because of their singular devotion to the Fraternity locally and nationally.

Grand President Charles S. Thompson, Pennsylvania, '14, of Philadelphia, recently completed a period as fiscal guardian of the affairs of his chapter which began with his graduation 35 years before. He has a Sig Ep son.

Grand Vice-president Dr. William C. Smolenske, Colorado Beta, '13, of Denver, still serves as governor of a district of seven for the most part widely separated chapters, and seems to be able to be in two places at once when he is needed. He also has a Sig Ep son.

Grand Treasurer Edwin Buchanan, Ohio Gamma, '11, has served in his office since 1932, and has always provided the caliber of management wisdom one would expect from a Sig Ep in his high station—he is vice-president of the First Wisconsin National Bank, Milwaukee, the nation's twenty-fifth largest.

Grand Historian Luis J. Roberts, California Beta, '28, of Long Beach, Calif., is a gifted organizer and a dynamic analyst of any kind of operational weakness. He has accomplished remarkable alumni organization in various sections of the country, and has had wide experience as a district governor.

Grand Guard Frank H. Hamack, D.C. Alpha, of the faculty of the University of Washington, Seattle, is a champion of high fraternal ideals who has sown the seeds of Sig Ep enthusiasm all over the world. He has three Sig Ep sons.

Senior Grand Marshal Robert W. Kelly, New York Gamma, '29, of New York, a former district governor and a founder of his chapter, is the leading stimulator of Sig Ep alumni participation in New York City.

Junior Grand Marshal J. Russell Pratt, Michigan Alpha, '39, of Chicago, has been a leader in two chapters (Purdue and Michigan), district governor, alumni chapter president, Conclave chairman, and was once a field secretary.

When members of the Executive Committee move up one seat in the chairs at the 1950 annual meeting at the Terrace Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, a new Junior Grand Marshal will take office. He is Charles F. Stewart, Florida Alpha, '29, of Cleveland, president of the Cleveland Alumni Chapter, and one of the leading workers in the establishment of the chapter at Baldwin-Wallace.

Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr.

# Grand Secretary And His Staff

**Bill Hindman, his two assistants, and three field secretaries have achieved a record of visits to the chapters that has perhaps never been equalled.**

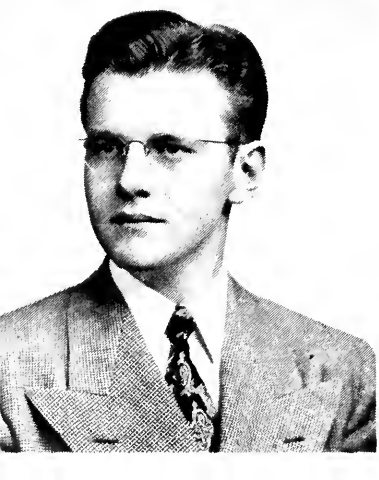
Sigma Phi Epsilon's Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr., Pennsylvania Delta, '39, at the age of 32 is one of the most respected veterans in his field. He is a leader in the new school of national fraternity administration which believes that the Central Office must keep an understanding thumb on the pulse of operations in every chapter and that the chapters in turn should know all about the most successful methods of operation employed in their sister chapters.

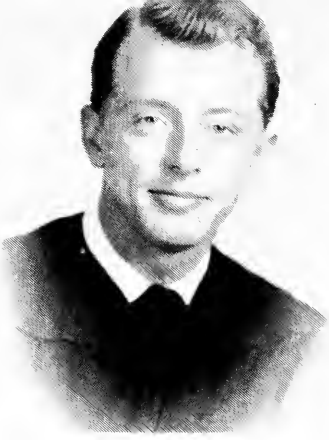
Graduate of one of the best business schools in the country, the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, he lives in the undergraduate's viewpoint, and is a genius at organization and management.

Commenting on Bill's visit to the spring district convention at Delaware, Ohio, Darrell Maddox, Ohio Wesleyan, declared: "In the briefest interval possible, Bill Hindman had become one of the boys. Within two hours his vibrant personality ruled the House with a Heart. He was no longer Grand Secretary. He was just another guy. But Hindman did more than just win the brothers over. He created an atmosphere bristling with vitality, sincerity, and fraternity. Throughout the convention, he roamed about, never forgetting a face or name. His scintillating personality dominated, and yet he did not 'spotlight' himself."

Hindman came to the Central Office as a field secretary in January, 1942, shortly after Pearl Harbor, when the letters of dismay were coming thick and fast from the

Presented below, reading from left, are Assistants to the Grand Secretary Frank J. Ruck, Jr. and Ray C. McCron and Field Secretary Carl O. Petersen. McCron and Ruck were also once field men.





**Presented above, reading from left, are Field Secretaries Albert A. Mezo, George K. Salt, and Matthew McBride. All are of the class of 1950 and joined Central Office right after graduation.**

decimated chapters. He wired: "Keep the chapter open, even if there are only two of you." Consequently about 50 Sig Ep chapters were able to continue operation.

On October 1, 1944, Bill Hindman became Grand Secretary and in the six years following has guided Sigma Phi Epsilon through a most phenomenal stage of development.

### The Field Men

Assistant to the Grand Secretary Raymond C. McCron, also a Pennsylvania graduate, '42, joined the Central Office on March 15, 1946. A former comptroller of his chapter and an accountant by education and training, he serves as office manager but also gets out in the field a good deal, especially when newly installed chapters require guidance, for Ray is an expert systems man and an extremely effective lecturer. Blue-eyed, towheaded, possessed of an engaging smile, just everybody likes him.

Assistant to the Grand Secretary Frank J. Ruck, Jr., Michigan, '46, started working for the Fraternity in August, 1946, and like McCron was first a field secretary, and like McCron also was once comptroller of his chapter. Probably one of the most expert troubleshooters engaged in national fraternity operation, Frank is a creative accountant and the chief author of Sigma Phi Epsilon's present financial system.

The Fraternity lost a beloved field man when Charles H. Pafford, Jr., Florida Alpha, was killed in an airplane crash at Minneapolis on March 7. It lost another this spring through the resignation of Gus Schmidt, Rutgers, '48, who has become associated with the Grinnell Company in New York.

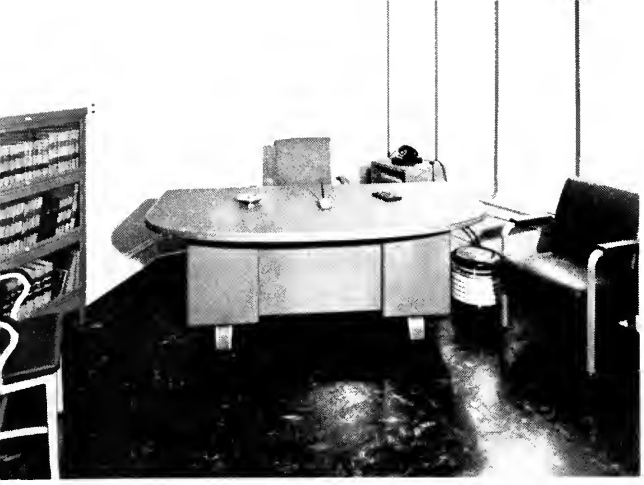
Thus the senior field secretary is Carl O. Petersen, Muhlenberg, '49, rehabilitation hero of Penn Iota and a past president, who assumed his post on June 20, 1949. A former all-college president, he is an experienced parliamentarian.

Three new men joined the field staff during the summer, all of the class of '50: Albert A. Mezo, Utah State; Matthew McBride, Denver; and George K. Salt, Miami (Florida). Albert's home is Harvey, Ill., and he is a former historian, social chairman, and intramural manager for his chapter. He was a member of Scabbard and Blade, the Newman Club, and various honoraries, his chief activities being boxing, wrestling, swimming, baseball, and chairman of junior prom.

Matt is a past president and rush chairman and represented the Denver chapter at the 1949 Conclave. He was a member of the debate team, yearbook photographer (*here's where the* JOURNAL *gets pictures!*—ED.), and intramural sports star. He has worked as a teller for the International Trust Company in his home city, Denver, and likes sports and gun collecting.

Though George Salt was pledged at Penn State, in 1949 he became a charter member of the Miami chapter which he served as rush chairman and president as well as alternate delegate to the 1949 Conclave. He likes sports, boating, and tinkering with automotive equipment, having been a bus driver in Coral Gables. His home is Pittsburgh, Pa.

# The New Quarters In Richmond



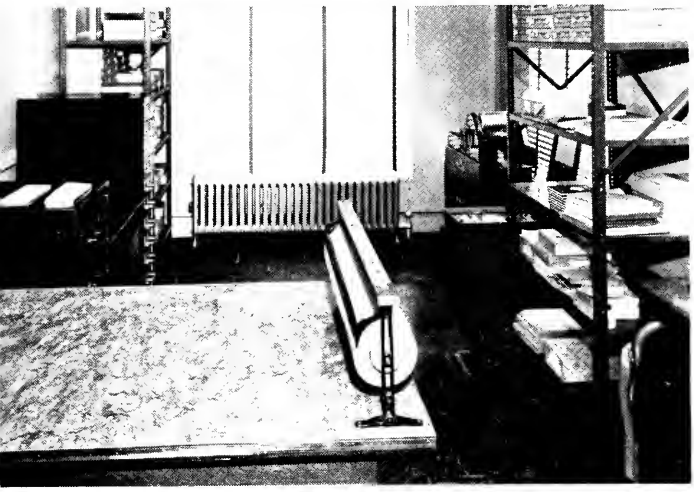
Office of Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr. who directs the staff.

LAST April the Central Office moved from its quarters at 1900 West Broad Street, Richmond, to new offices in the heart of the business district at 15 North Sixth Street. It is only half a block from the John Marshall Hotel, headquarters for the 1951 Conclave.

While the former offices contained only 1,000 feet of floor space, the new ones contain twice that and are modern in every respect. Sorry none of the people who work here got in the pictures.

The neat room above is Ray McCron's. Ray is assistant to the G.S., serves as office manager and accountant.

The room above is that of Grand Secretary Emeritus Uncle Billy Phillips. In the picture at left, from back to front, when they're there, sit Assistant to the G.S. Frank Ruck and Field Secretaries Pete Petersen, Al Mezo, Matt McBride, and George Salt. One desk is not shown.



The large office above accommodates three gracious, light-fingered geniuses of the typewriter. From foreground back are desks of Ruth Rogers, Helen Bane, and Harriet James. All carry the title of secretary and are versed in detailed knowledge of the Fraternity's operations. At the left is the mailing room, where hundreds of pieces of mail and express are prepared for delivery each day.

At the right is the addressograph department, which is supervised by Mrs. Myrtle Smith. There are two addressograph plate files, one alphabetical and one geographical, containing the names of all men who have been initiated into the Fraternity. JOURNAL mailing strips are quickly run through the machine, as every Life Member receives the magazine if he wants it.

# Glimpses at Life In Our Houses

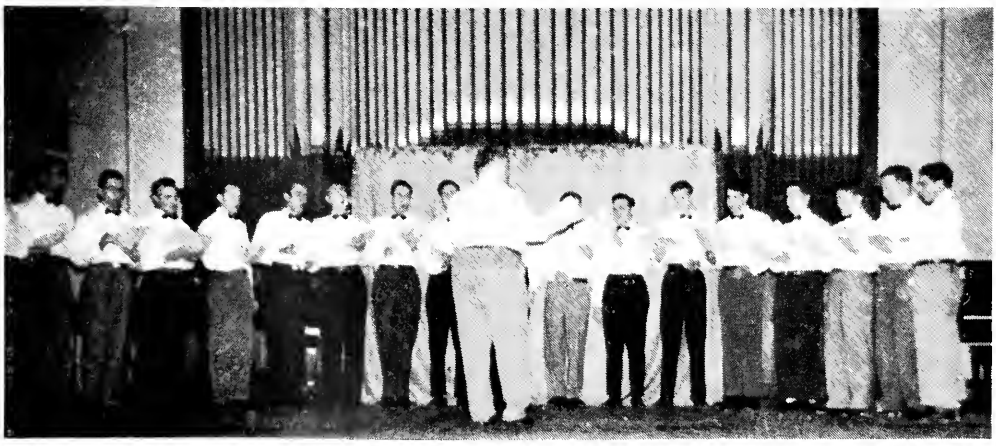
Mrs. Goode's boarding house was never like this. Sam Diego, Norwich chapter chef, poses behind board he has laden for winter carnival.

Founder Carter Jenkens, second from right, visits the chapter house at Ohio Wesleyan.

At New York University, Queen of Hearts Dolores McGann, receives bouquet from Social Committee Chairman Bruce Beckwith.

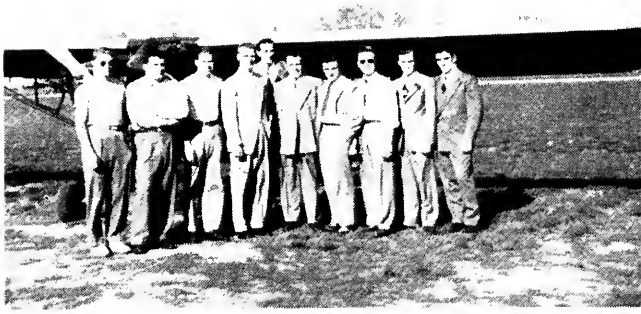
Delaware president Dick DiSabatino gives Heart Queen Mary Lou Bowen congratulatory kiss, as escort Glenn Wright looks on.

Pledge Joe Barnes leads Ohio Northern's chorus during "Greek Sing." Sig Eps took first prize.



Contestants for title of Cowgirl Queen at Tennessee's annual Frontier Party smile for the judges. Below are members of Pegis Club of Iowa, all-Sig Ep flying club.

Six of Muhlenberg's BMOCs, all members of Omicron Delta Kappa honorary. From left to right: Irvin Fry, Walter Schrag, John Stadlander, Murray Stahl, Herman Michaels, and Marvin Berger.



Duke Sig Ep serenaders, traditionally popular with campus sororities, making ready to render "Wonderful Sig Ep Girl."

Although Oklahoma Alpha (see above) never fails to preserve its fine scholastic record, the comfortable den sees plenty of activity between study hours.

# The Sig Ep Who Invented Basketball

**JAMES NAISMITH.** Kansas . . . In the days when football resembled a free-for-all scrap, when bicycles were six feet high, Dr. James Naismith, then a faculty member at the Springfield (Mass.) International Y.M.C.A. Training School, was given a knotty problem.

It was during the early winter months of 1891 that the men of a certain gymnasium class at the School became so obstreperous that faculty members despaired of doing anything with them. The men were all big, husky fellows; they were frankly tired of routine gymnasium work and they didn't hesitate to make their feelings known. At length the class was turned over to Dr. Naismith, with the half-bantering, half-serious suggestion by one of his superiors that he devise a new game to interest the men. Out of that suggestion and Dr. Naismith's ingenuity, coupled with the imperative need of some form of recreation to fill the great time gap between football and baseball seasons, came a new game—basketball—a game which has spread to every civilized country in the world.—From "The Daddy of Basketball a Sig Ep," by Ben Hibbs, '23, November, 1923, *Journal.*

**FIRST** . . . Dr. Naismith is at the right in the top row in this photo of the first basketball team in 1891 at Y.M.C.A. Training School, Springfield, where the game was invented. For many years Dr. Naismith served as basketball coach at Kansas and instructor in physical education.

# The Best Fellows Are Good Students

By DICK BROWN

**Good study conditions improve study habits. Oklahoma Alpha has profited considerably through conduct of a study hall and by wise regulations.**

Jim Ticer, Oklahoma A & M, at his study table is grateful for "Quiet Hours."

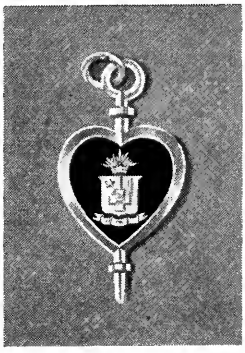
WITHIN Sigma Phi Epsilon's Creed there is a phrase which states, "I would like to be a Phi Beta Kappa. . . ." We have established certain regulations and provisions to aid in achieving and guiding ourselves toward our goals.

The primary factor in studying is to maintain an orderly and quiet atmosphere. This has been achieved to a great extent by the cooperation of all members and pledges by providing "Quiet Hours" within the house at all times. When we want to "cut up" a little; play ping-pong, cards, the piano; or just "shoot the bull," we use the den in the basement.

The fraternity requires a certain amount of time from each active and pledge. Young men who are just entering college from high school have trouble budgeting their time. In order to help establish correct study habits and to set aside a sufficient number of study hours we have study hall regulations. A pledge must attend study hall in his room Sunday through Thursday from 8:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.

There is usually an upperclassman in each room with one or more freshmen. If a student is having trouble with a certain subject, he can always find an upperclassman to help him. As a further incentive to study, the school has ruled that the student must secure a certain grade average before he can be initiated.

These rules and regulations may seem childish for a young man to submit to, but there are many distractions when a high school student enters college. We recognize these distractions and are continually working against them. After all we are here for an education, and we want to get the most out of what is offered to us.



DR. U. G. DUBACH, Oregon State, National Scholarship Chairman, believes that "When a boy comes to college he should have the development of his mental faculties uppermost on his list. The most effective plan requires an exact budget of time. We want the best of all of us to come to the top."

The Fraternity has always encouraged the cultivation of efficient study habits.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon Grand Scholarship Cup is given annually to the chapter that attains top group scholastic honor on its campus. The Clifford B. Scott Memorial Sigma Phi Epsilon Scholarship Medal (above) is awarded each year to highest ranking student in each chapter. Names of winners are also inscribed on special plaques prepared for the purpose.

Wisconsin crew coach Norm Sonju, Washington Beta (left) in chapter house at Seattle, chats with Grand Guard Frank Hamack (middle) and Puget Sound Alumni president Bob Feller.

# They're Members Till They Die

**Alumni visitors help morale and organized groups of Sig Ep alumni serve in many ways to make a more worth-while national organization.**

Since the chapter houses on fraternity row are more like homes than clubhouses, wherein men in all truth resemble brothers, good fraternity men are tugged back to their houses and do not forget them any more than the average fellow will forget his old homestead.

Alumni retain their interest in brotherhood as they knew it by returning occasionally to visit the fellows at the house, thereby keeping acquainted and renewing old memories. Good fraternity life is rich in recollections and many Sig Eps keep the fraternity in their hearts until death.

Even those who are unable to return to the campus retain a deep interest by participating in the activities of an organized group. Today, Sigma Phi Epsilon boasts almost as many alumni groups as it does active chapters.

Stories of the doings of these groups that are submitted to the Journal reveal the fine type of fraternal association enjoyed at their regular luncheon and dinner meetings as well as at their outings and other planned social gatherings.

Although space is limited, three such reports are given—one from the Houston Alumni Chapter, by Laniere Adams; a second from T. Morrison Dickey for the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter (perhaps potentially the largest in the country); and a third from Frank L. Barker, Jr., concerning the organization of a new group in northern Vermont.

### Houston Reflects Enterprise

Some 25 members of the Houston Alumni Chapter helped to set the current year in full swing at a stag dinner and business meeting at the Briar Club in February. In addition to reports by the outgoing officers, the following officers were elected for 1950: president, James Winters; vice-president, Leon Norwood; treasurer, Michael DeGeorge; secretary, Laniere Adams; historian, Jim Porter.

In March Field Secretary, Carl O. Petersen paid us a short visit. Members of the Executive Committee conducted a tour of the city, which included a visit to the University of Houston, an up-and-coming local university, and a visit with its director of student activities. Pete led an informative discussion at a called meeting of our executive committee.

The annual alumni "Round-Up" at the University of Texas the week-end of March 31 was also the scene of a state-wide meeting of the Texas Alpha Alumni Corporation. Houston had a large turn-out for the meeting, with ten of the local members attending. Houston members certified to the board of directors were Dr. Jap Arnold and Michael DeGeorge.

On May 26, 25 couples attended the annual spring dance at the Briar Club. This was the first of several functions scheduled for the coming year and planned especially for the entertainment of members' wives and dates.

Plans are currently being made for a joint alumni-active rush program in Houston during the summer. Tentative plans have been made for an alumni sponsored rush party

to be held in August for the members of the active chapter in Austin and their rushees, as well as rushees planning to attend out-of-state schools where Sig Ep chapters are located. The group has begun to lay the ground-work for a big weekend following the Rice-Texas football game October 28.

### Diverse Events in Philadelphia

The members of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter can offer a good reason for the deficit in federal postal operations. With the aid of the home office in Richmond, Alumni Chapter Secretary Walter W. Rule found that there are over 1,200 potential members. What with the sending of letters of invitation to such a number and having about 20 per cent returned for want of a better address, the increase in traffic in the mail department must have been substantial.

The invitation announced a dinner to be held at the Sansom House where 75 Sig Eps relived their collegiate and active fraternity days. Quite a record was set when President Earl Traster, formerly of Cleveland, made reservations for 75 men and as it turned out just that number of dinners were served. Along with a very enjoyable social evening several items of business were transacted. A board of directors was elected and plans made for a June outing.

The June outing was held at Medford Lakes, N.J., where more than 50 couples enjoyed cedar-water swimming, quoits, softball, golf with an elaborate 19th-hole and a well-planned catered dinner. It is the hope of the committee that this event may be the beginning of many such outings where the brothers can take their wives and sweethearts with great anticipation for good fun and fellowship.

Among the set plans of great interest to all is the celebration of Founders' Day. A great party is being planned around the theme of '49-ers and will carry out the wonderful legends of the much referred to "Gold Rush of '49." Decorations will be a combination of the times both of 1849 and 1901. Fred Ramsdell, Texas Alpha, has suggested that a Texas bronco lead an old covered wagon in a small parade which would make a round trip from the Penn Sig Ep house to the Temple Sig Ep house.

Oklahoma Alpha alumni relax with actives. Seated are George H. C. Green, of Oklahoma City, the chapter's first pledge; and Lem Groom, professor of journalism at A. & M.

One thing sure—the event will be well worth attending by all Sig Eps in this area. Requests for reservations should be sent to Walter Rule, 123 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., even though all plans are not complete. It is hoped that a football game will be one of the highlights.

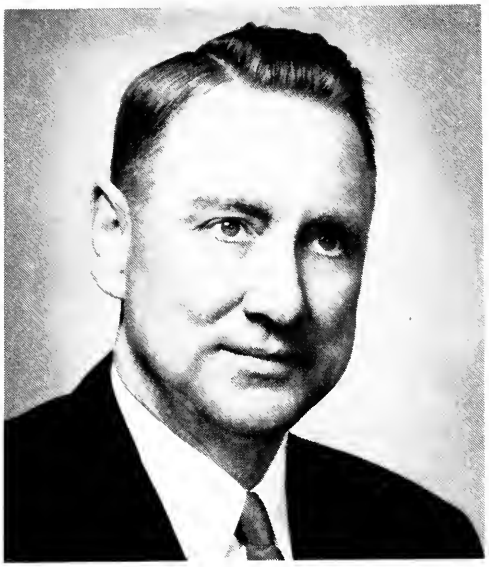
All members are searching for other brothers who live near them with the hope of strengthening present attendance at the bi-monthly meetings.

### New Group in New England

On May 1, 1950 at a banquet in Burlington, Vt., Sig Ep alumni gathered with actives of the present Vermont Gamma and Vermont Alpha for the purpose of organizing a Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Association of Northern Vermont and a building corporation.

This organization was accomplished and the alumni showed great interest to the then prospective Vermont Gamma at the University of Vermont. Officers were elected to the Alumni Association as follows: president, Thurston Adams, Iowa Beta; vice-president, James Jennings, Jr., Vermont Alpha; secretary-treasurer, Frank L. Barker, Jr., Vermont Gamma. Articles were drawn for the building corporation by George McKee, New Hampshire Alpha, a lawyer in Burlington, Vt., and signed by the alumni present.

The banquet was the proverbial howling success with a deep spirit of brotherhood.



**U. S. SENATOR** . . . Willis Smith, Duke, '10

# The Rise of Willis Smith

**North Carolina attorney Willis Smith, Duke, '10, will soon take his place in the U.S. Senate beside Sig Eps Byrd, Johnson, Wiley, and Hickenlooper.**

Although Willis Smith, Duke, '10, as a boy didn't take much time to read the success stories of Horatio Alger, Jr., he took a leaf out of the Alger books all the same. His present niche on the climb to success: U. S. Senator from North Carolina.

Born at Norfolk, Va., his parents were both North Carolinians and his mother moved back to Elizabeth City, N.C., taking 2-year-old Willis with her after the father died.

When Willis got through high school in 1905, his mother persuaded him to go to college rather than take a job offered him in a bank.

A Methodist, he chose Trinity College (now Duke University), partly because a $50 scholarship was available, and, in 1906, he began working his way through.

A good student, he played basketball, developed a thriving campus business as agent for a clothing company, and also displayed business talents as manager of the campus literary magazine. When he was graduated in 1910, he'd paid all his college expenses and earned some dollars to spare. Back in law school next fall, he won admission to the bar in 1912 and began to practice.

In World War I he enlisted as a private in the Army, having rejected the offer of a commission in the Judge Advocate-General's department.

After the war he settled down to practice in Raleigh and built up one of the biggest corporation practices in the State. In 1926 he won his first political race—to the House of Representatives in North Carolina's Legislature. Re-elected in 1928 and 1930, he was Speaker of the House in 1931. In 1940 he was chairman of the State Democratic Convention; in 1944, he was delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He became president of the American Bar Association for 1945-46. In that capacity he was named by Justice Jackson as an observer at the Nuremberg trials of Nazi criminals.

**U. S. SENATOR** . . . Harry Flood Byrd, Richmond (below), is senior Senator from Virginia, a Democrat. Strongest of the Southern Senators, he is head of Senate committee on reducing federal expenditures, a conservative.

**U. S. SENATOR** . . . Alexander Wiley, Lawrence (right), Senior Senator from Wisconsin, Republican, he is chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Elected in 1938, once worked in back-breaking sawmills of Wisconsin for fifteen cents an hour. His son Marshall, once president of Lawrence Sig Ep chapter, is Assistant District Attorney of Chippewa County, Wis.

**U. S. SENATOR** . . . Edwin C. Johnson, Colorado, Democrat (above), has served his state for twelve years. Once Governor of Colorado, he has been an effective servant of the people because he has kept in constant touch with them. Above caricature sketched by George Andrew Corley in the *Denver Post*.

**U. S. SENATOR** . . . Bourke B. Hickenlooper, Iowa State, '18 (below), went to the Senate in November, 1944, from Iowa, which state he had served as Governor and as Lieutenant Governor. Was overseas as a second lieutenant in World War I, practiced law in Cedar Rapids on completion of law course. Today heads important Atomic Energy Committee. He is a Republican.

# 3 Congressmen and A Senate Hopeful

**CONGRESSMAN** . . . Walt Horan, Washington State, '25, came to Washington in 1943 from the Fifth Congressional District of his state, a Republican. An opponent of waste and inefficiency in federal agencies. World War I vet.

**SENATORIAL CANDIDATE** Paul Aiken, Kansas, '29, resigned his position as Assistant Postmaster General to enter the Democratic primary in Kansas as a candidate for the United States Senate.

**CONGRESSMAN** . . . J. Vaughan Gary, Richmond, representing Virginia's Third District, Democrat, is tax expert. He is also chairman of the Committee on Taxation and Government of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

**CONGRESSMAN** . . . Paul Cunningham (below), Michigan, '14, is serving his fifth term in Congress from Fifth District of Iowa. Co-author of the "G.I. Bill of Rights."

# Two Governors Of States

**OSCAR RENNEBOHM,** Wisconsin, '11, rose from Wisconsin farm boy to wealthy owner of thirteen drugstores in Madison, Wisconsin, before he became interested in political fortunes.

His career is an excellent one to emulate for its Horatio Alger nature and for its pervading honesty and enterprise.

In Milwaukee young Oscar Rennebohm carried newspapers for fifteen cents a week, continued to earn money while a star scholar at Milwaukee's East Division High School and a member of the football, track, and debating teams.

After high school graduation, he worked his way through the University by clerking in a drugstore. After graduation from pharmacy school, he quickly acquired his own store, in 1912, the first of thirteen.

In the 1944 Republican primary, Governor Rennebohm entered the race for Lieutenant Governor, won with 78,000 votes against 49,000 for his closest competitor. He acceded to the governorship when Governor Walter S. Goodland died in March, 1947.

**JOHN W. BONNER,** Montana, '28, began his career in law practice, becoming Attorney General of Montana in 1940. He served in the European theater in the last war with the department of the Judge Advocate General and later with the First Army. He became Chief of War Crimes in the First Army area.

In the first public dinner which he attended following his election to the governorship of Montana in 1949, he came to Missoula to be honored by his own chapter brothers.

John Bonner taught grade school and coached athletics to finance his college career. He married in 1929 and is the father of four girls and a boy.

**BASIL O'CONNOR,** Dartmouth, '12, shown here with President Truman as they launch a Red Cross Drive, was president of the American Red Cross until 1949 and heads National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He was initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon at New Hampshire Alpha and for two years served his chapter as president. He has for many years been a distinguished attorney in New York City where he once practiced law with the late President Roosevelt.

# In the Service of the People

**JAMES T. NICHOLSON** (left), Massachusetts, executive vice-president and general manager of the American Red Cross, receives a 30-year service bar from Gen. George C. Marshall, Red Cross president. Ceremony took place at headquarters in Washington, Dec. 13, 1949.

# An Accomplished Trio From Ohio Wesleyan

**DR. ALVAN R. KEPPEL,** Ohio Wesleyan, '17, (above) is president of Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C. Like his two classmates pictured on this page, his biography appears in *Who's Who in America.* Ohio Epsilon is not a large chapter nor an ancient one. Yet in the rise of these three founders to the very pinnacle of success in their fields, it can boast of a miracle of alumni achievement unrivaled in Greek-letter annals.

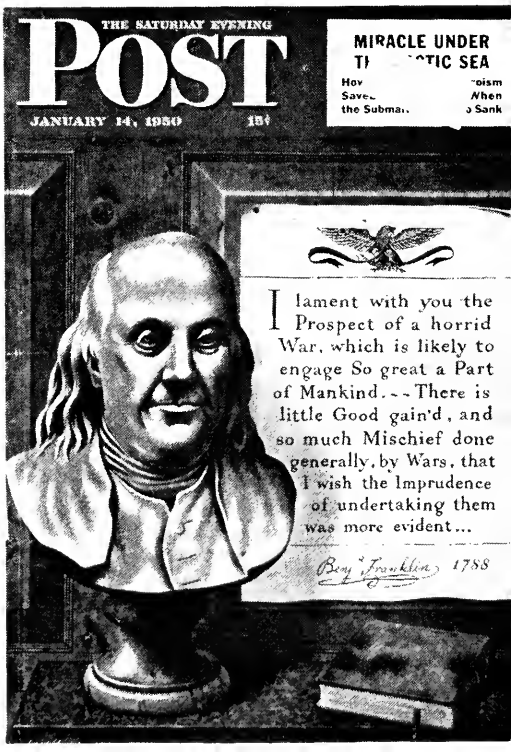
**DR. WALTER W. VAN KIRK,** Ohio Wesleyan, '17, has for a number of years broadcast over a nationwide network on Saturday nights at 6:00 o'clock, the program, "Radio in the News." He is also an executive secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America.

**DR. RALPH STOODY,** Ohio Wesleyan, '17, for many years a Methodist pastor of first rank is Director of Methodist Information, with offices in New York, Chicago, and other U. S. cities.

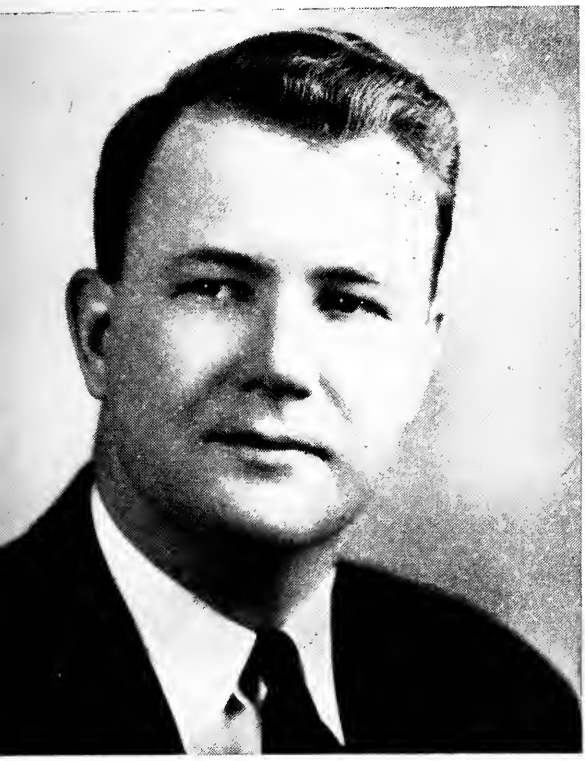
**BEN HIBBS** (at head of table) presides at staff meeting of the *Saturday Evening Post.*

**BEN HIBBS,** Kansas, '23, became editor of *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1942. Editor of the *Daily Kansan* as an undergrad, Hibbs became small-town newspaper man and a professor of journalism, then a small-town newspaper man again. In 1929 he came to Philadelphia as associate editor of *Country Gentleman,* moved up to edit it in 1940 and became a director of the Curtis Publishing Company. Six years ago his colleagues there said, "He's the greatest editor since Lorimer." Says Hibbs, "All the shrewd editorial planning and slanting in the world won't win readers unless a magazine is honest and unless it has a heart."

# Greatest Editor



# Editorial Cartoonist



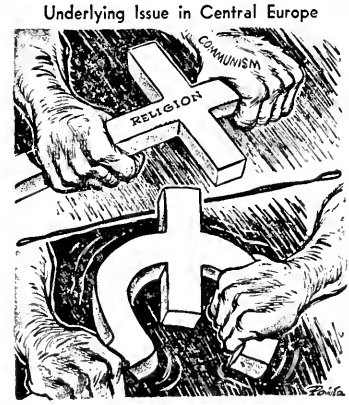
**ARTHUR B. POINIER,** Ohio Wesleyan, '31, one of the most widely reprinted editorial cartoonists in the country, works for the Detroit, Michigan, *Free Press.* Originated comic strip character, "Jitter," syndicated nationally, while cartoonist for Des Moines, Iowa, *Register and Tribune.* Gave it up for Navy commission in 1943. Joined *Free Press* in 1940, returned there from service spring of 1946. One of his cartoons won second place at exhibit at Grand Central Art Galleries, 1941. Was awarded Treasury citation in 1943 for series of cartoons to aid war effort. He says of his job: "As I interpret a cartoonist's work, it is his desire to stimulate thought and discussion among his readers. Whether they agree with him or become boiling mad is of little importance, so long as they think, discuss, and then act upon the convictions so formed. He is, of course, wrong part of the time, but he strives to keep his average of hits and runs as high as possible."

For Service Beyond the Call of Duty

The Great Surveyor

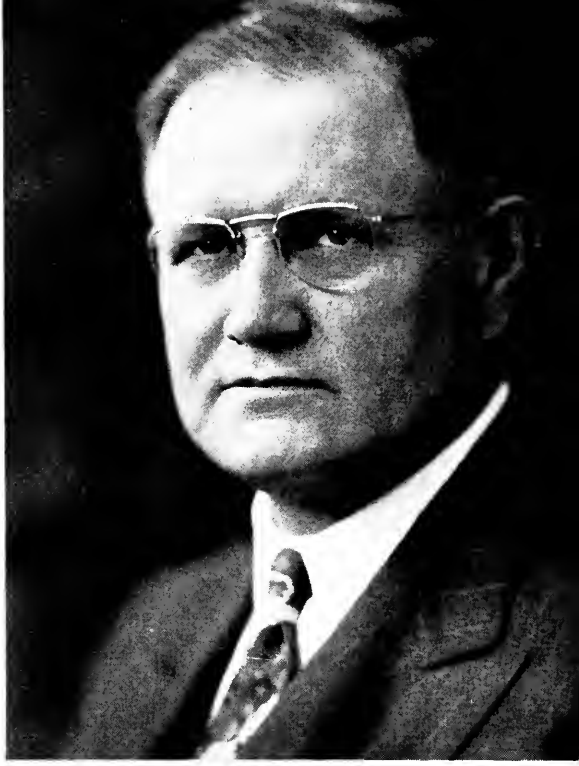
At Least, We Got It Laid Before a War Started

Underlying Issue in Central Europe



# College Presidents

**WALTER E. HAGER,** Nebraska, '16, is president of Wilson Teachers College, Washington, D.C., and the first president of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.



**REUBEN G. GUSTAVSON,** Denver, Chancellor of University of Nebraska, since 1946. Has been vice-president and dean of the faculties at University of Chicago, and president of University of Colorado. Early part of career devoted to teaching chemistry and biochemical research. Has Ph.D. from Chicago.

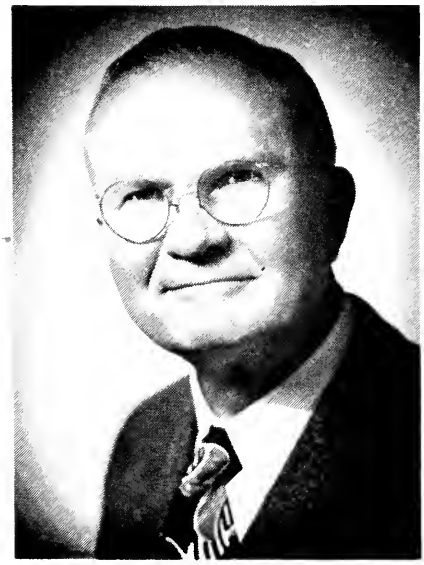
**D. D. McBRIEN,** Nebraska, '14 (above), president of Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, national president of Sigma Tau Gamma, teachers college fraternity.

**GEORGE H. HAND,** West Virginia, '28 (below), president of Fairmont State Teachers College, Fairmont, West Virginia, since 1945. Taught economics at Ohio Wesleyan, Denison, and University of Vermont.

**J. HILLIS MILLER,** Richmond, '24 (above), president of the University of Florida. Has been dean at Bucknell, president of Keuka College, and Associate Commissioner of Education of New York State.

**WILLIAM J. HAGGERTY.** Minnesota, '30 (below), president of State Teachers College at New Paltz, New York. Once director of student personnel at U. of Connecticut. Ph.D. degree from U. of Chicago.

**JAMES E. HUCHINGSON,** Denver, '14, has been president of Colorado Woman's College since 1932. He has been successively teacher, principal, and supervisor in Denver Public schools (1907-30) and commanded the Third Colorado Infantry, U. S. Army, in World War I. He plans to announce his retirement shortly.



**LOUIS C. WRIGHT** (above), president of Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, since 1934. Once a Methodist minister, he holds Ph.D. degree from Boston U. School of Theology.

# Other Leading Sig Ep Educators

**WILLIAM E. McPHEETERS,** Lawrence (below), recently resigned as Dean of Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois.

**HARRY J. CARMAN,** Syracuse (above), taught history both at his alma mater and at Columbia University before becoming Dean of Columbia College in 1943. Dean Carman believes that fitting oneself for leadership, especially in a democracy, "involves more than taking formal education courses, acquiring facts and passing exams. It involves the formulation of a philosophy of life in which character, humane ideals, and the best use of talents in the service of others are important considerations." He is retiring as Dean at Columbia this year.

**ELMER L. KAYSER,** George Washington, (right) is Dean of the Division of Students at his alma mater. He was awarded honorary Doctor of Laws degree during commencement exercises in 1948. Dean Kayser, a native of Washington, D.C., studied law at Johns Hopkins and Columbia Universities and received the Ph.D. from the latter. He has been on the staff since 1914 and Dean since 1934. He has held the post of Sigma Phi Epsilon National Scholarship Chairman, but resigned in September, 1947.

**JAMES L. C. FORD,** Lawrence, '28, Dean of the School of Journalism at Montana State University, Missoula, was a newspaper man in New York for several years before he decided to teach the subject. What is unique about this picture, in which Dean Ford is the central figure holding the newspaper, is that Prof. Robert Struckman (left), and Prof. Olaf Bue (right), are both Sig Eps, Montana Alpha alumni. Dean Ford holds Ph.D. from Minnesota.

**DR. JEROME W. HOWE** (below) is dean of admissions and students at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which institution he was graduated in 1909. He was a member of Theta Upsilon Omega until its merger with Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1938, when he was initiated as a member of Massachusetts Beta.

**DR. NORMAN E. McCLURE** (above) is president of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., which was established in 1869. He was graduated from Pennsylvania State College in 1916.

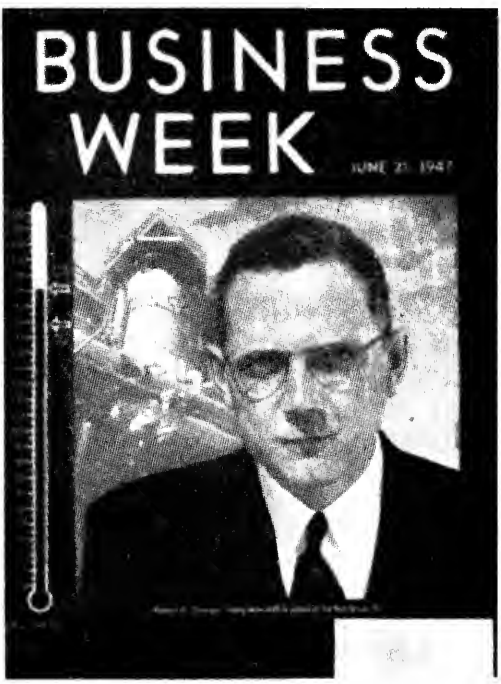
# Leaders in the Business World

**EDWIN BUCHANAN.** Ohio State, '11, (above), key official on Sig Ep Executive Committee since 1932, is vice-president of Wisconsin National Bank, Milwaukee.

**FLOYD B. ODLUM.** Colorado, '15, (above), head of Atlas Corporation, huge investment firm. He financed most of his college career through his own efforts.

**ROBERT G. DUNLOP.** Pennsylvania, '31, (on magazine cover below) rose from accounting clerk to president of Sun Oil Company in only fourteen years.

**JEAN L. SCHUREMAN.** Illinois (above), a vice-president of Marshall Field, began in 1918 as stock boy.



**HEARNE SWINK.** North Carolina, '23, founder of his chapter, is secretary of Cannon Mills Co.

**WILLIAM A. HANLEY.** Purdue, '11, is vice-president and a director of Eli Lilly Company, pharmaceutical manufacturers, Indianapolis, Ind. One of sparkplugs of his chapter in its early days, he is one of the authors of the famed Purdue plan of finance and was for a number of years a member of the board of trustees of the endowment fund of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

**CHARLES F. STEWART** Florida, '29, is a prominent insurance executive of Cleveland, Ohio, and former commodore of the Mentor Harbor Yacht Club. He will become Junior Grand Marshal of Sigma Phi Epsilon in September.

**WHITNEY H. EASTMAN.** Dartmouth, '12, past Grand President, is vice-president of General Mills.

# Masters of the Writing Craft

**MURRAY HOYT,** Middlebury (above), a founder of his chapter, is a successful short story writer (The *Post, Collier's,* etc.) and also the successful operator of a summer camp at Owl's Head Bay, Vergennes, Vt. His recently published book, *Does It Always Rain Here, Mr. Hoyt?* (Rinehart, New York), discloses his first-rate gifts as a humorist.

**WARREN BECK,** Lawrence, short-story writer and intellectual novelist, has been on the faculty at Lawrence for almost a quarter of a century.

**LEONARD H. NASON,** Norwich, '20 (above), is a successful author and war novelist.

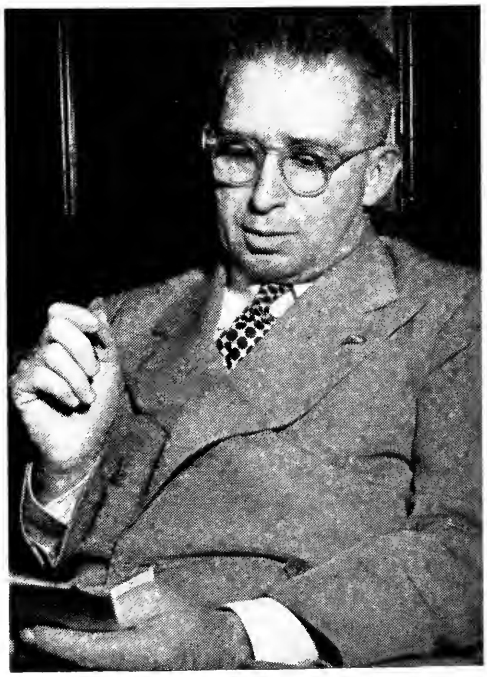
**MARTIN JOSEPH FREEMAN,** Ohio Northern, has been a newspaper reporter and editor in Ohio and Texas. He has taught English at Iowa State, the University of Chicago, and is professor of English at Hunter College, New York. He has written four or five mystery novels and one straight novel.

**HAL BOYLE,** Missouri, roving writer for the Associated Press, and recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for meritorious war reporting, quickly packed off to Korea when the Red invasion began in July, to cover that front from a GI perspective for the homefolk.

**EDWARD A. STRECKER, M.D.** (above) Jefferson Medical, '11, is chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the U. of Pennsylvania. Consultant to the Surgeons General of the Army and Navy and adviser to the Secretary of War during the war, he is author of a book, *What's Wrong with American Mothers?*

**J. W. CAMMACK,** Richmond, for many years an editor of the *Religious Herald,* once preached in the Baptist Church at Fork Union, Va. He was executive secretary of the Education Commission of Virginia for about 12 years.

**MAX STILES,** Southern California, one of the most prominent sports writers on the West Coast, is author of *The Rose Bowl,* which is a classic book about a football classic. His Sig Ep son Walter is an expert photographer.



# Great Generals Of World War II

**BIG. GEN. FRANKLIN A. HART,** Auburn (above), has served more than half his life in American military service. Assistant division commander of the Fourth Marines, he was in the bitter fighting in the Marshall Islands, and in the toughest battle ever fought by troops of the Marine Corps, at Saipan, in the Marianas. Participated in Fourth Division assault of Iwo Jima.

**BIG. GEN. MURRAY C. WOODBURY,** Norwich '21, was commanding general of the 66th wing of the Eighth Air Force during 1943, '44, and '45. With termination of wartime rank, he assumed new duties, with rank of colonel, as base commander of Eglin Air Force Base and deputy commander at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He has flown ever since 1918, both commercially and in the Army. He saw a year's service in World War I.

**LT. GEN. LEONARD T. GEROW,** V.M.I., commanded Fifteenth Army which crossed Rhine River into Germany in final sweep of invasion of World War II. He had been commander of the Fifth Corps of the First Army during Normandy campaign. In first World War, he won Distinguished Service Medal and French Legion of Honor. Former chief of the U.S. Army staff's war plans division, he became commandant of General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, after the war, and was reassigned in January, 1948, to assume command of Second Army, with headquarters at Fort Meade, Md. Delivered memorial address at Sig Ep Conclave in 1947.

**BRIG. GEN. FRANK N. ROBERTS,** Baker, served in China-Burma-India theatre, as Army representative attended both Quebec and Yalta conferences. Sent to Moscow in 1944 as chief of a special planning mission to the Soviet general staff, returned following year as military attaché in that city, and was transferred to Ankara in a similar capacity in 1946. In 1948 was detailed as professor of military science and tactics, U.C.L.A., with peacetime rank of colonel.

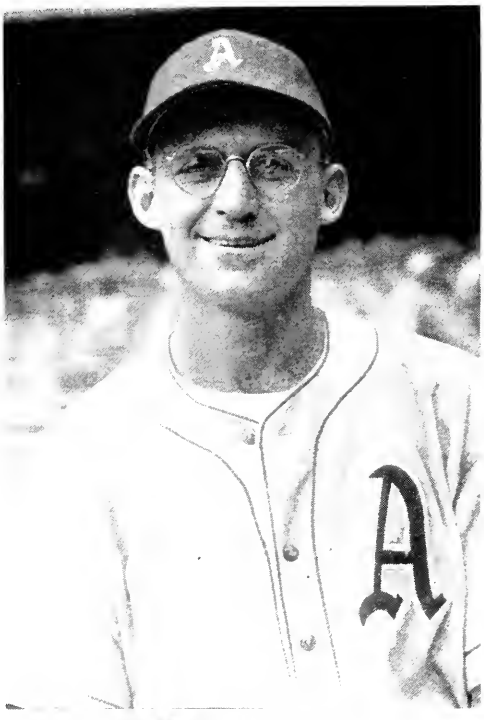
**MAJ. GEN. ANTHONY C. McAULIFFE,** West Virginia (above) was one of the few high-ranking officers of World War II to become one of its chief heroes. When 101st Airborne Division was surrounded by seven Panzer divisions, and Nazis sent ultimatum of surrender, Gen. McAuliffe told them to go fly a kite, fought them to a standstill.

# Others of Renown

**JAMES H. CORLEY,** California . . . the business he does for his alma mater constitutes a world record in the university field.

**HARRY BUTCHER,** Iowa State, was naval aide to General Eisenhower during World War II, and is author of *My Three Years with Eisenhower.* For several years he has been owner and president of radio station KIST, Santa Barbara, Calif., and recently won a *Variety* plaque award for "postwar station showmanship."

**HOBART H. BELL,** Ohio Wesleyan, '20, has been editor of *Ohio Schools* since 1934. For seven years he did Y.M.C.A. work in Cleveland and Minneapolis and served as alumni secretary at his alma mater from 1927 to 1934.



**SAM CHAPMAN,** California, '38, outfielder for Philadelphia Athletics, is one of few to go directly from campus to big league.

**WALDO L. SCHMITT,** George Washington, '13, is head curator of the Department of Zoology of the Smithsonian Institution. He was a member of the local Kappa Sigma Pi at his alma mater and was active in getting it to petition for a charter of Sig Ep. His two brothers followed him into the chapter, and more than 20 years later he witnessed the initiation of his son Waldo Ernest, who was lost on the German front in 1944. Dr. Schmitt is principally a marine biologist and has participated in many expeditions, including the one in 1938 when as naturalist he accompanied President Roosevelt on the Presidential cruise to the Galapagos Islands.

**JOHN EISELE DAVIS,** Richmond '13, founder of the Association for Physical and Mental Rehabilitation, is one of the nation's outstanding pioneers in the development of recreational therapy for the neuropsychiatric patient. A prolific writer of articles in this field, he is Chief of Corrective Therapy in the Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C.

**O. E. REED,** Missouri, has been Chief of the Bureau of Dairy Industry in the U. S. Department of Agriculture since 1928. He has taught dairying and dairy husbandry at Missouri, Purdue, Kansas State, and Michigan State. He has many times been a member of the World's Dairy Congress and represented the French High Commission in purchase of dairy cattle in 1919. While at Kansas State, he was adviser to the Sig Ep chapter.

**JOHN F. McCLOSKEY,** Tulane, dean of the New Orleans College of Pharmacy, Loyola University, since 1933, is also editor of *Louisiana Pharmacist*, a professional monthly. For his service in World War I he was decorated with the Legion of Honor. From 1927 to 1936 he operated a retail drug store in New Orleans.

**DR. GEORGE BAXTER SMITH** (above), professor of education and dean of the school of education at the University of Kansas since 1941, except for three years in the Army, was a Sig Ep at Minnesota, from which institution he was graduated in 1929. He's no longer the youngest dean at K.U.—there are several younger—but he's still the one that resembles a salesman rather than an academician. Since coming to K.U., he has put much life into the School of Education.

**EDWARD C. FURLONG, JR.,** West Virginia, director of the School of Business and Professor of Business Administration and Economics at John B. Stetson University, De Land, Florida. Joined Sig Ep during his one year at West Virginia, left to work, and enrolled in Stetson in 1936 to obtain his degree which he did in 1938. Received letters in football, basketball, track, and wrestling, member of debate team and glee club, active in Little Theatre. Enlisted as private in Army in 1942, separated from service with rank of captain in 1946, when he returned to Stetson.

# The Homes of The Fraternity

**In college as in the world outside, no force can temper character, no teacher can make the Golden Rule seem so right as can a good home.**

San Diego Sig Eps burn note, signifying that their building lot is free of debt. From left: President Bill Mackie, Dick Curtis, Jim Cheshire, Alumnus Dick Wooley, Howard Quam.

THE right kind of fraternity house possesses the welcoming atmosphere and inviting hearth of a home. It is given the character of a home by good fellows, each of whom is striving towards his own proud niche of individual achievement, thereby helping the group.

The parents who visit the chapter houses are impressed to observe their sons in the process of learning the big things about life through living. At every hand the instincts of the boys are nobly challenged, for sportsmanlike competition is the order of the day.

The men who work and plan and exert themselves and make sacrifies to build or rebuild a fine chapter home not only learn the value of a dollar and discover the ennobling pastime of toil, but also acquire a sense of pride in telling others that it is theirs.

Fraternity men are wisely giving the public more opportunity to observe that the prominent element of group competition on Fraternity Row is beneficial indeed, and that competing for a prize—no matter what the prize is so long as the race is a fair and right one—makes life seem more nearly to follow the pattern that God cut it out to be.

A fine house reflects the characteristics of the men who dwell in it. In a good fraternity house sound character and high traits tend to drive out unsound character and low traits, thus accomplishing results far above and beyond the capacities of the college curriculum itself.

Alabama men break ground for a new house which should be ready for occupancy in September. District Governor W. H. Thomas and Field Secretary Gus Schmidt took part in this ceremony.

**AUBURN** . . . (Alabama Alpha) 152 North Gay Street, Auburn. House was completed in 1931. Brick, three floors, 18 bedrooms. Chapter has initiated 658 since 1908.

**ARKANSAS** . . . (Arkansas Alpha) 213 North Church Street, Fayetteville; three-story, brick and wood. Chapter received charter in 1907 and has initiated 387 men.

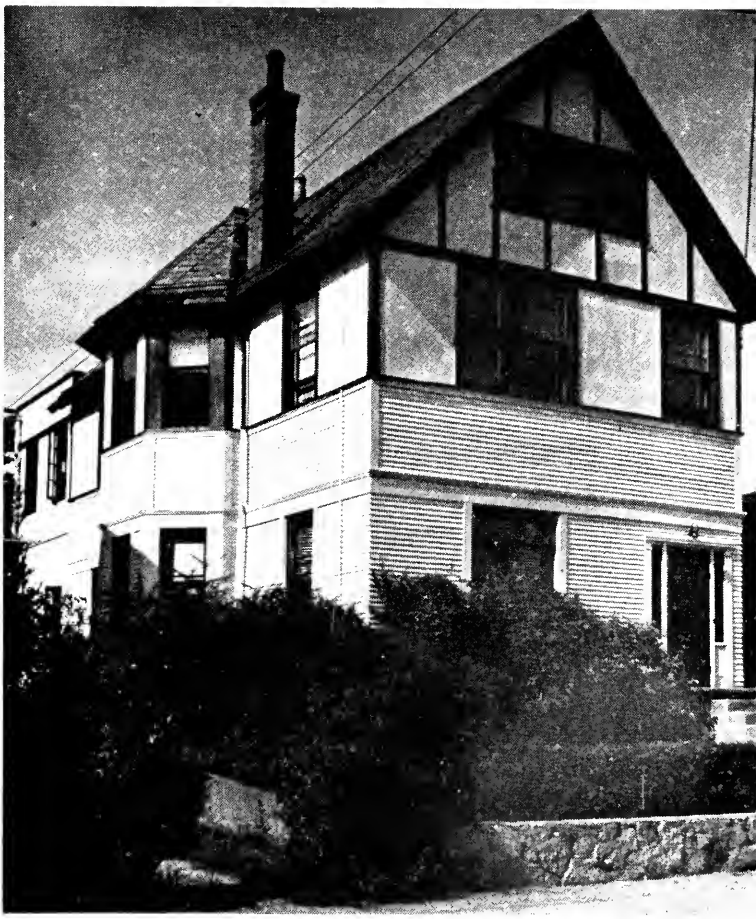
**BAKER** . . . (Kansas Alpha) Baldwin City. Frame building, three floors, 13 rooms, houses 30 to 40 men. Owned by alumni board. Chapter has initiated 515 since its founding in 1910.

**BALDWIN-WALLACE** . . . (Ohio Zeta) 335 Front Street, Berea. Chapter was installed on March 13, 1948, while Sig Ep Louis C. Wright was still president. Roster contains 83 initiates

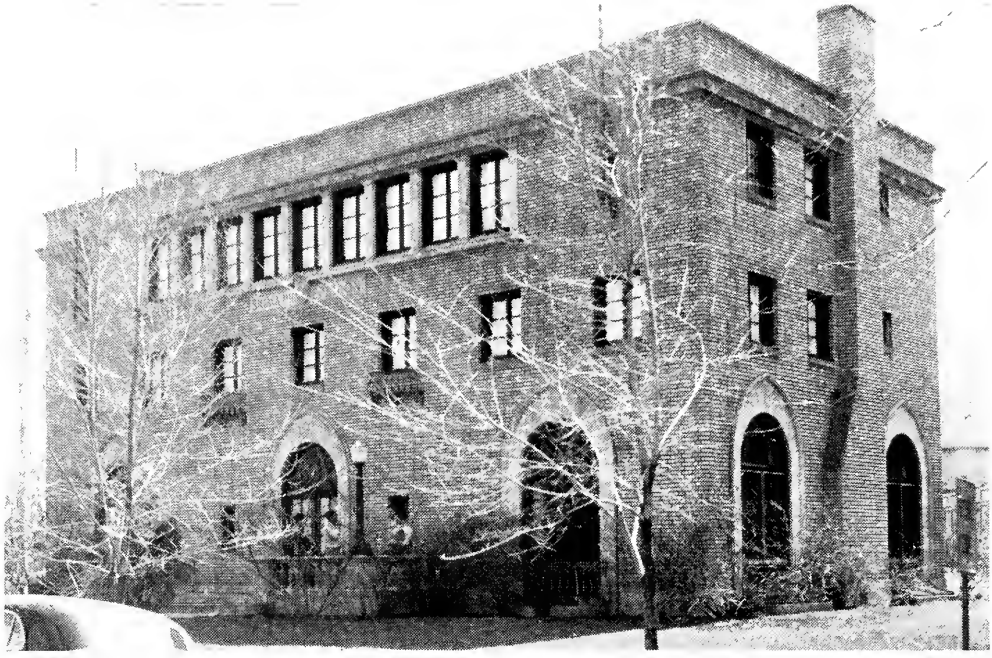
**BRADLEY** . . . (Illinois Delta) 813 South James Street, Peoria. Chapter installed January 9, 1949. Has initiated 91 men.

**BUCKNELL** . . . Pennsylvania (Kappa) 103 Brown Street, Lewisburg. Two-story, brick house will accommodate 25. Chapter received its charter April 30, 1938. Chapter roll: 188.

**CALIFORNIA** . . . (California Alpha) 2251 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley. Two stories, 14 rooms, 3 baths. Chapter has initiated 536 men since it was established on November 10, 1910.



**CINCINNATI** . . . (Ohio Theta) 264 Calhoun Street, Cincinnati. Chapter was installed July 30, 1949. Roster contains 79 men.



**COLORADO** . . . (Colorado Alpha) 1005 Broadway, Boulder. Three-story house of light brick, nicknamed "The post office." Chapter has initiated 576 men since founding in 1904.

**COLORADO A & M** . . . (Colorado Gamma) 121 East Lake Street, Fort Collins. Acquired by alumni from Lambda Chi Alpha in 1932. Colonial architecture, dark red brick, seventeen rooms and a dormitory and three basement rooms. Can house 45. Chapter roll: 660.

**COLORADO MINES** . . . (Colorado Delta) 917 Fifteenth Street, Golden. Three floors, brick; 15 rooms, accommodating 35 men. Built in 1902 and acquired by chapter in 1923, year of founding. Number of members initiated: 381.

**CORNELL** . . . (New York Beta) 112 Edgemoor Lane, Ithaca. Frame building owned by alumni board. Chapter established September 24, 1912, has initiated 498 brothers.

**DARTMOUTH** . . . (New Hampshire Alpha) 8 School Street, Hanover. Frame house of 8 bedrooms, can house 11. Owned by alumni since January, 1948. Chapter roll: 544. Established 1909.

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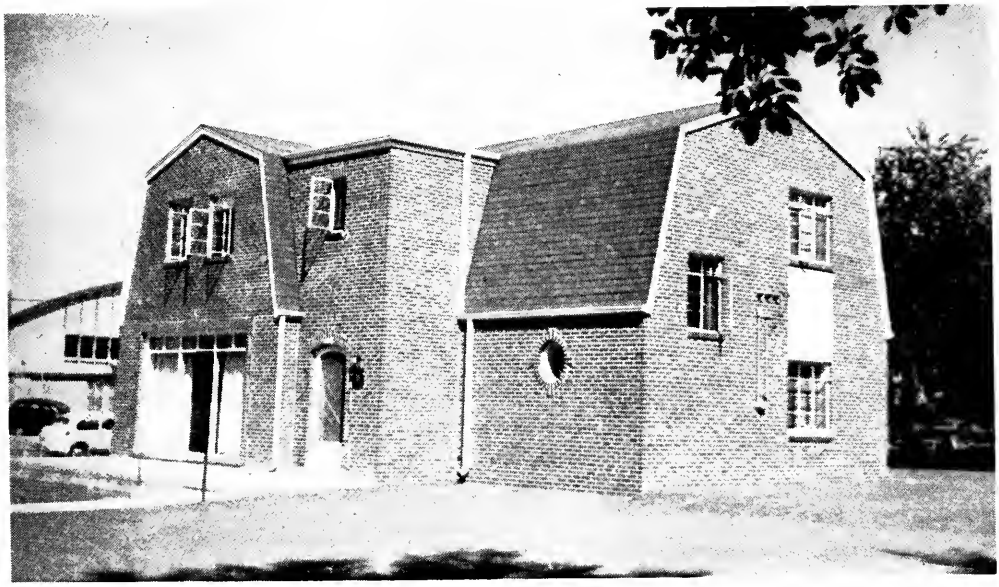
**DAVIDSON** . . . (North Carolina Zeta) Davidson, N.C. One of several one-story lodges provided the fraternities by the College. Has living room, chapter room, and three smaller rooms. Chapter has occupied since charter was granted in 1930. Chapter has initiated 218.

**DELAWARE** . . .(Delaware Alpha) Newark. Three-story, red-brick construction. Chapter established in 1907, has initiated 578 brothers.

**DENVER** . . . (Colorado Beta) 2000 South Gaylord, Denver. Chapter established in 1913. Two-story house, red brick construction. 579 men have been initiated since founding.



**DRAKE** . . . (Iowa Delta) 1073 Thirty-seventh Street, Des Moines. Three-story stucco and brick structure. Chapter was established May 9, 1948, and has initiated 121 men.

**DRURY** . . . (Missouri Delta) 1035 North Jefferson Avenue, Springfield. Two and one-half story, will accommodate 17. Chapter has initiated 53 men since its founding on May 14, 1949.

**DUKE** . . . (North Carolina Gamma), campus of Duke University, Durham. House is part of campus-owned fraternity row. Three hundred sixty-eight men have been initiated since installation on March 27, 1909.

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**FLORIDA** . . . (Florida Alpha) 1456 West University Avenue, Gainesville. Classical architecture, two floors, 14 rooms, can house 35. Built in 1920, acquired by alumni in 1929. New dining room completed in 1947. Chapter established 1925. Chapter roll: 522.

**FLORIDA SOUTHERN** . . . (Florida Delta), Lakeland. Chapter installed May 28, 1949. Chapter roster totals 46.

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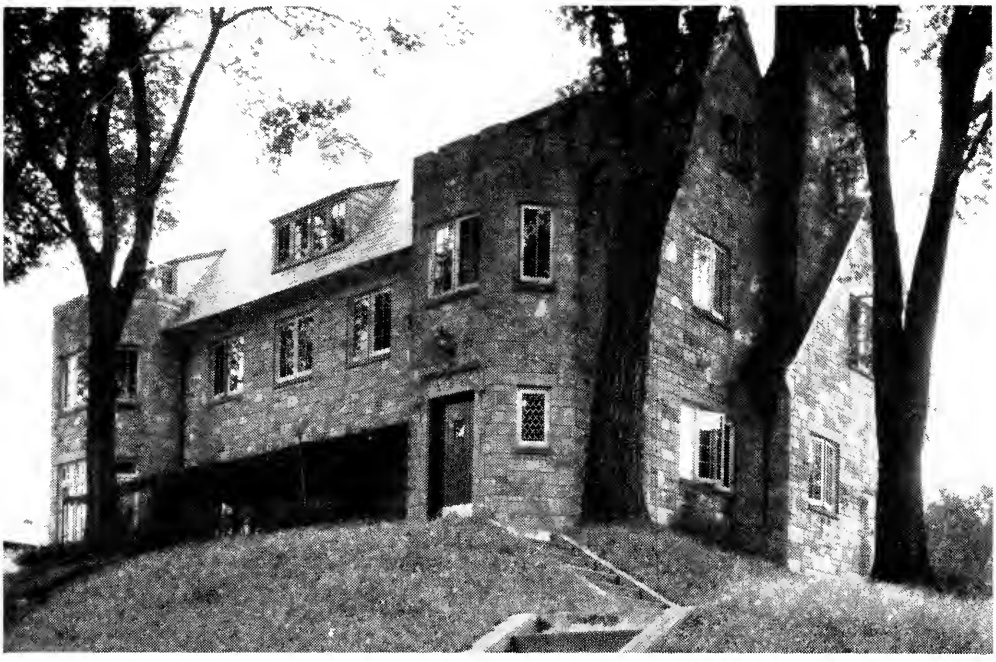
**GEORGIA TECH** . . . (Georgia Alpha) 190 Fifth Street N.W., Atlanta. Chapter has initiated 501 members since it was first chartered on April 1, 1907.

**ILLINOIS** . . . (Illinois Alpha) 1105 South Fourth Street, Champaign. One of largest in fraternity, can house 75, designed by architect A. P. Dippold, past Grand President. Built in 1925. Owned by alumni. Chapter begun in 1903, has largest roster in fraternity: 761.

**INDIANA** . . . (Indiana Beta) 714 East Eighth Street, Bloomington. Alumni purchased house in 1947. It has three stories and can house 35 to 40. Of brick construction, built in 1920's. Chapter founded in 1931, has initiated 183 men.



**IOWA** . . . (Iowa Gamma) 702 North Dubuque Street, Iowa City. Old English architecture, gray stone. Three floors, 19 rooms, built to house 36 men in 1929, now houses 44. Owned by alumni. Chapter established in 1917, has initiated 498 men.

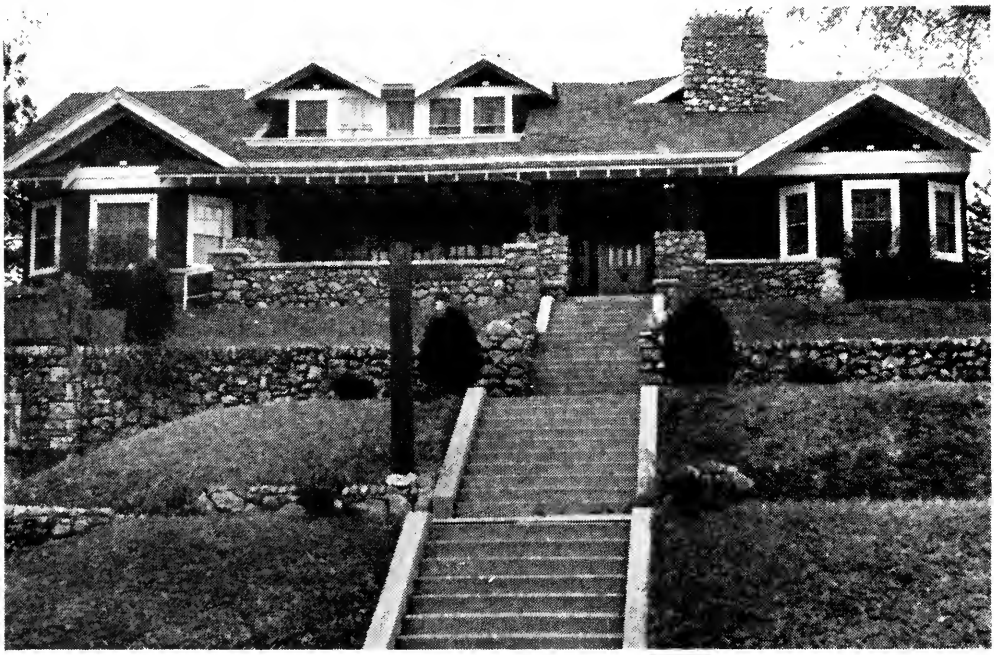
**IOWA STATE** . . . (Iowa Beta) 228 Gray Avenue, Ames. Old English, brick, four floors, 35 rooms of which 15 are study rooms. Built in 1929 for chapter. Now accommodates 45. Designed by Sig Ep architect, Amos Emery, Penn, '22. Roster: 482.

**IOWA WESLEYAN** . . . (Iowa Alpha) 301 West Broad Street, Mount Pleasant. Chapter established in 1913, has since initiated 450 brothers. House is owned by alumni corporation.

**JOHNS HOPKINS** . . . (Maryland Alpha) 3025 Saint Paul Street, Baltimore. Owned by alumni. Chapter established 1929, has initiated 304.

**KANSAS** . . . (Kansas Gamma) Seventeenth Street at Tennessee, Lawrence, Kan. House completed February, 1949. Haydite brick construction, aluminum trimming, steel-decked roof, concrete slab floors. Second floor opens at ground level in rear to 20-car parking space. Floor contains 14 four-men study rooms, two phone booths. Dormitory contains double bunks, has emergency exit. Chapter has initiated 506 men since installation in 1923.

**KANSAS STATE** . . . (Kansas Beta) 221 North Delaware, Manhattan. Lodge type house, much of which was built by men themselves. Highest spot in Manhattan. Architects' plans being considered for new house. Chapter established 1918. Number initiated: 506.



**KENTUCKY** . . . (Kentucky Alpha) 509 East Main Street, Lexington. Largest fraternity house on the campus, it has 28 rooms, 7 baths, and 5 basement rooms. Of red brick, it houses 40. It is called "The Mansion." Chapter has initiated 280 men since chartered in 1933.

**LAWRENCE** . . . (Wisconsin Alpha) 726 East John Street, Appleton. One of five alike in fraternity quadrangle built in 1941. Two stories, stone, has 31 rooms. Houses 24. College owns and collects rent. Chapter founded in 1915, has initiated 593 men.

**LEHIGH** . . . (Pennsylvania Epsilon) 61 West Market Street, Bethlehem. Three-story wood and brick. Chapter established 1907. Roster: 430.

**LOUISVILLE** . . . (Kentucky Beta) 2104 South First Street, Louisville. Frame house, two stories. Chapter installed May 17, 1947; has initiated 104 men.

**MARYLAND** . . . (Maryland Beta) Good Luck Road, College Park. Three-story stone and stucco, on large acreage. Chapter installed May 7, 1949. Roster: 66.

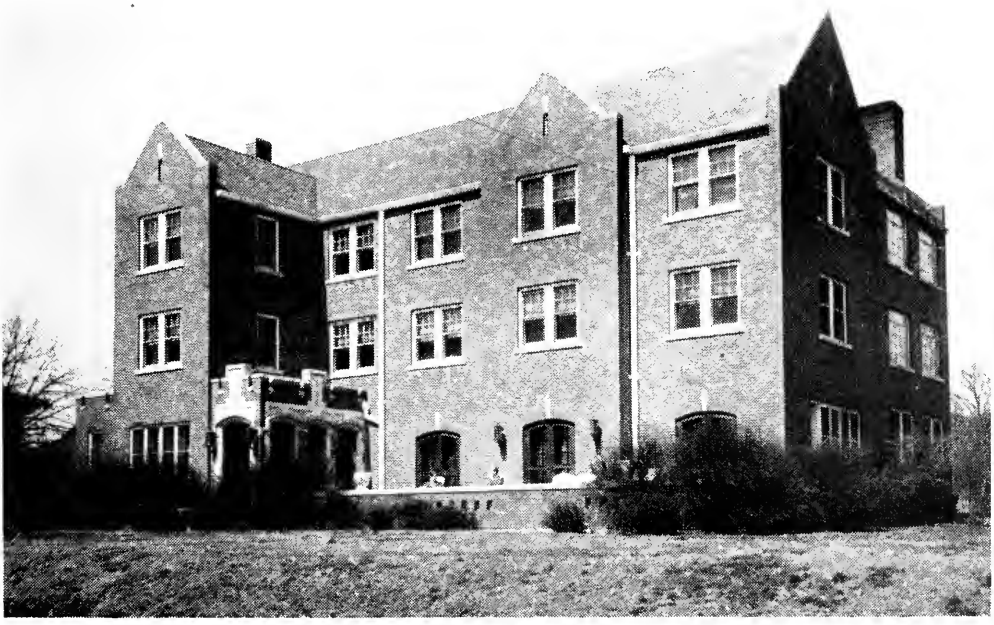
**MASSACHUSETTS** . . . (Massachusetts Alpha) 9 Chestnut Street, Amherst. Three-and-one-half story frame construction. Chapter installed 1912. Roster contains 104 names.

**MIAMI, Ohio** . . . (Ohio Eta) 224 East Church Street, Oxford. Frame construction. Chapter established in December, 1948. Since then 101 men have been initiated.

**MICHIGAN** . . . (Michigan Alpha) 733 South State Street, Ann Arbor. Fine, traditional location. Built in 1919 for Delta Chi, bought by alumni in 1938. House supplemented by 30-man annex across street. Chapter established December 14, 1912, has initiated 621 men.

**MIDDLEBURY** . . . (Vermont Beta) 137 South Main Street, Middlebury. Wood and stone construction, owned by alumni. Chapter was founded in 1925, has initiated 329 brothers.

**MISSOURI** . . . (Missouri Alpha) 509 Kentucky Boulevard, Columbia. House designed by Sig Ep architect Dippold. Three story, brick. Chapter established in 1914, has initiated 475.



**MISSOURI MINES** . . . (Missouri Gamma) 401 East Seventh Street, Rolla. Three-floor, white frame, built in 1920. Nine rooms, houses 22, garage converted for living, houses 5. House rented on five-year contract. Chapter established in 1947, has initiated 83 men.

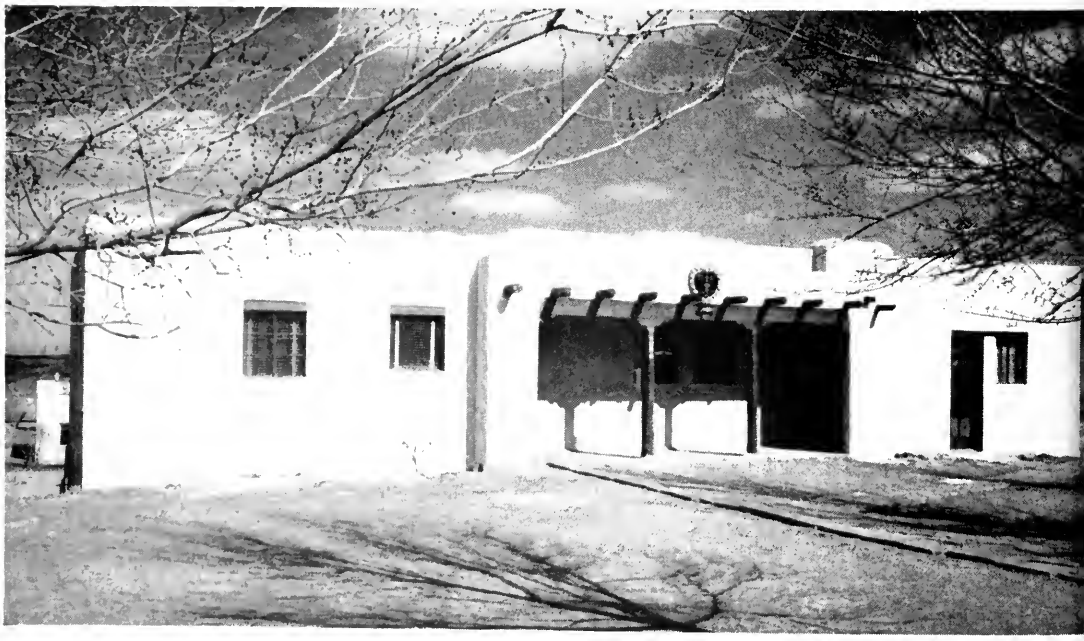
**MONMOUTH** . . . (Illinois Gamma) 714 East Broadway, Monmouth. Frame construction. Chapter established May 22, 1948. Roll contains the names of 93 initiates.

**MONTANA** . . . (Montana Alpha) 140 University Avenue, Missoula. Acquired by alumni in September, 1947. Two stories, 10 rooms and basement. Holds 30 men but will be enlarged. Chapter was established February 2, 1918, and since then has initiated 378 men.

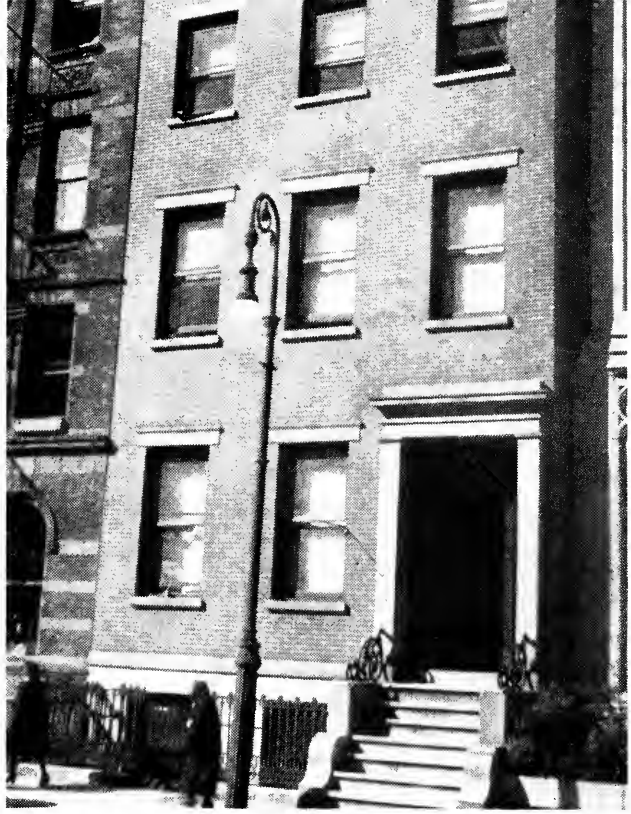
**MUHLENBERG** . . . (Pennsylvania Iota) 2215 Gordon Street, Allentown. Single brick home, three stories. Purchased by alumni board in June, 1947, chapter moved in December 29, 1947. Chapter acquired in TUO merger 1938. Roster 178.

**NEBRASKA** . . . (Nebraska Alpha) 601 North Sixteenth Street, Lincoln. Old English, red brick construction. Four floors, accommodates 54. Built in 1929, owned by alumni. Chapter established in 1911. Brothers initiated: 675.

**NEW MEXICO** . . . (New Mexico Alpha) 1901 Los Lomas Road, Albuquerque. Built as a club house in 1940, and not meant to afford living quarters until a special wing could be constructed, this pueblo style two-story house sleeps 22 and has dining accommodations for 40. It stands on a University-owned lot but is owned by chapter alumni board. Lot 75 x 175. Chapter was founded in 1929. Roll: 244.



**NYU** . . . (New York Gamma) 141 West Fourth Street, New York. In Greenwich Village near Washington Square; 3-story, brick, 14 rooms. Can accommodate 20. Acquired by alumni in 1947. Chapter established 1930. Roll: 309 brothers.



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**NORTH CAROLINA** . . . (North Carolina Delta) 208 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill. Large white frame house, built in 1908. Two floors, 12 rooms, can house 24. Rented. Chapter established in 1921, gave up charter in 1939, re-established 1947, roster 210.

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE** . . . (North Carolina Beta) 2512 Clarke Avenue, Raleigh. Two story brick, 9 bedrooms, will house 28, dine 60. Built in 1928, Georgian architecture, bought by alumni in 1948. Chapter established in 1905, has initiated 408 brothers.

**NORWICH** . . . (Vermont Alpha) Central Street, Northfield. Dutch Colonial, red brick, built by alumni in 1938. Two floors and basement. Dining room and kitchen accommodate 50 men. No living quarters. Chapter established in 1908, has initiated 576 brothers.

**OHIO NORTHERN** . . . (Ohio Alpha) 821 South Gilbert Street, Ada. Built in 1914-15 by men in the chapter, first house in Ohio erected for fraternity use. Thirteen study rooms on second floor, dormitory on third. Chapter established in 1905. Roster: 703.

**OHIO STATE** . . . (Ohio Gamma) 154 East Woodruff Avenue, Columbus. Owned by alumni. Chapter received charter January 31, 1908, has since that time initiated 555 brothers.

**OHIO WESLEYAN** . . . (Ohio Epsilon) 133 North Washington Street, Delaware. Acquired by alumni in 1925, remodeled in 1928. Red brick Colonial with Corinthian pillars. Three floors, 12 study rooms which accommodate 26. Chapter founded 1915, has initiated 465 men.

**OKLAHOMA** . . . (Oklahoma Beta) 518 South Boulevard, Norman. Dutch Colonial architecture. Three floors, 18 rooms and sleeping porch, can house 54. Built in 1922, once Kappa Alpha Theta house, acquired by alumni in 1946, year chapter was founded. Roll: 129.

**OKLAHOMA A & M** . . . (Oklahoma Alpha) 324 Monroe Street, Stillwater. English style, built for Lambda Chi Alpha in 1929, acquired by Sig Ep alumni in 1935. Three floors and basement, houses 50. Chapter established in 1919, has initiated 594 brothers.

**OREGON** . . . (Oregon Beta) 840 East Eleventh Street, Eugene. French Provincial architecture, wood construction, three floors, 25 rooms, holds 44. Acquired by alumni in 1934. Chapter received charter on May 20, 1926, has initiated 374 brothers.

**OREGON STATE** . . . (Oregon Alpha) 224 North Twenty-sixth Street, Corvallis. Southern Colonial, three story brick, erected in 1926 by alumni, long mortgage-free. Has 25 rooms and large basement, facilities for 55 men. Chapter founded in 1918. Roster: 481.

**PENN** . . . (Pennsylvania Delta) 3909 Spruce Street, Philadelphia. Mid-Victorian, brick, erected in 1905 as private home, but perfectly suited for fraternity living. Acquired by alumni in 1914, has four floors, 12 bedrooms. Chapter established 1904. Roll: 701.

**PENN STATE** . . . (Pennsylvania Eta) Locust Lane and Prospect Avenue, State College. Spanish stucco, three floors and basement. Built for chapter by alumni in 1928. Three floors and basement, 22 rooms, accommodating 44. Established 1915. Roster: 511.

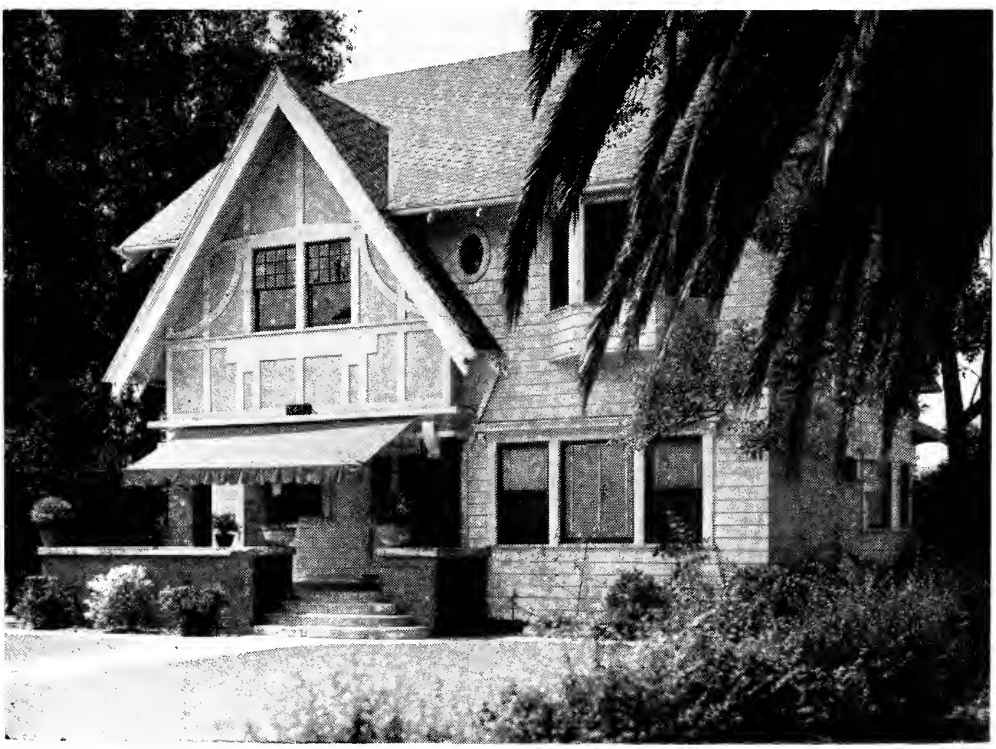
**PURDUE** . . . (Indiana Alpha) 690 Waldron Street, West Lafayette. English, three floors, can house 60. Seventeen study rooms. Built in 1916 when fire destroyed former house, originating Purdue Plan of chapter finance. Established 1905. Roster: 665.

**RENSSELAER** . . . (New York Delta) 2209 Sixteenth Street, Troy. Frame house, built in 1900. Twenty rooms, with majority of men sleeping in dormitory on third floor. Chapter has occupied house since 1928, purchased by alumni in 1944. Chapter acquired in TUO merger in 1938. Men initiated: 205.

**RUTGERS** . . . (New Jersey Beta) 590 George Street, New Brunswick. Frame house of two stories and attic, situated on bank of Raritan. Bought in 1938 by Raritan Club which received charter January 15, 1944. Chapter has initiated 161 men.

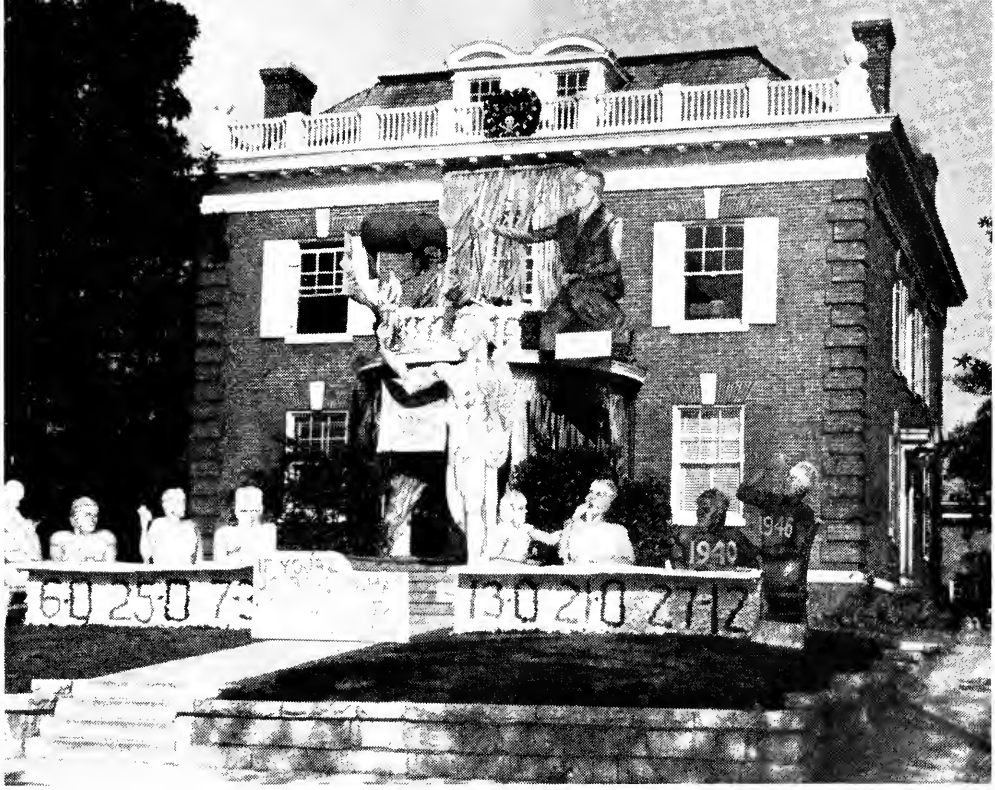
**SAN DIEGO** . . . (California Delta). This young chapter, established November 16, 1947, has finished paying for this lot and will plan construction of new house soon. Note football stadium in background. Chapter has initiated 115 men.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** . . . (California Beta) 630 West 28th Street, Los Angeles. English type, frame and stucco, two stories. Chapter established 1928. Roll: 525.



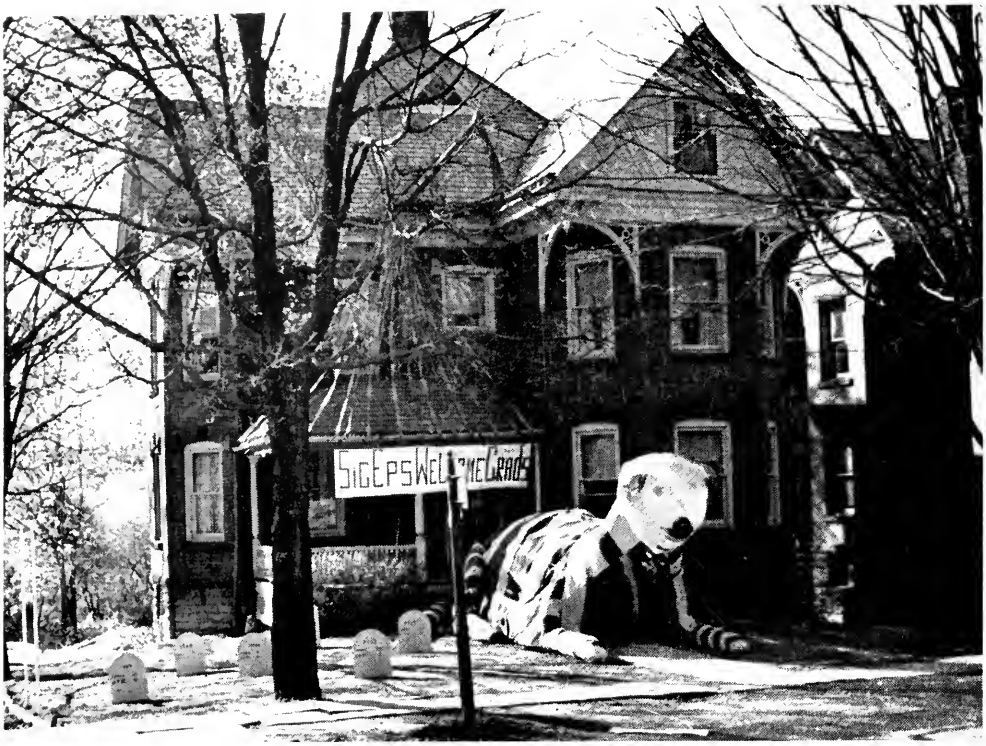
**STETSON** . . . (Florida Beta) DeLand. Large three-story brick house was once a university building. Chapter was established on February 12, 1949, and has initiated 86 men.

**SYRACUSE** . . . (New York Alpha) 310 Walnut Place, Syracuse. Classical revival, brick, two floors and dormitory. Owned by alumni. Chapter launched in 1905, has initiated 679.




**TENNESSEE** . . . (Tennessee Alpha) 1533 Laurel Avenue, Knoxville. House owned by alumni, shows prize-winning homecoming decorations, 1947. Brick construction. Annex in rear also owned by chapter alumni. Chapter was established in 1913, has initiated 551.

**TEXAS** . . . (Texas Alpha) 2610 Rio Grande, Austin. White stucco, three floors, 13 rooms, can accommodate 25 to 30. Probably built in 1913. Owned by chapter householding corporation. Chapter was established May 24, 1930, and has initiated 411 brothers since then.

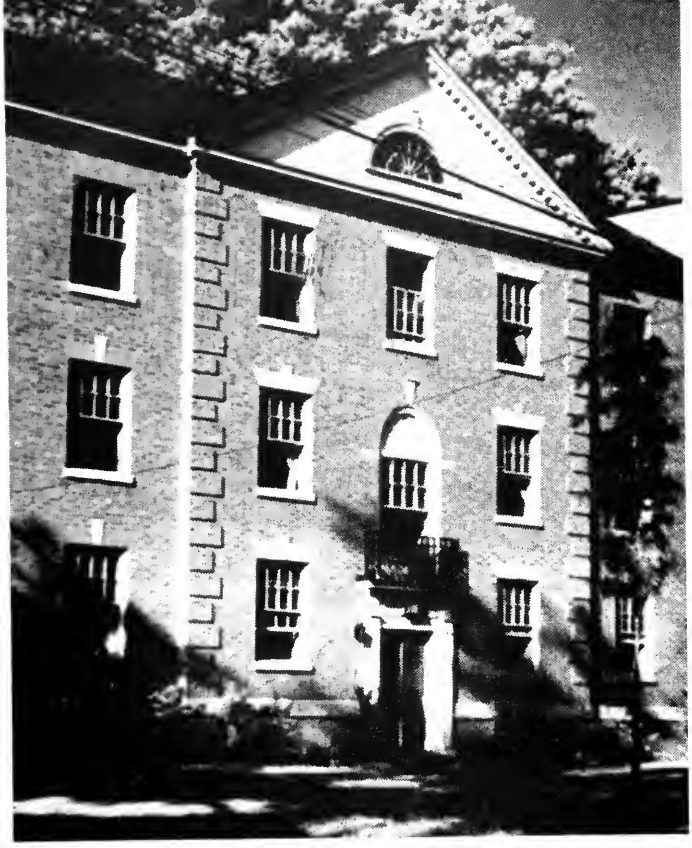


**THIEL** . . . (Pennsylvania Nu) 112 College Avenue, Greenville. Two-story frame construction. Chapter established November 12, 1948, and has initiated a total of 87.

**TULSA** . . . (Oklahoma Gamma) 3144 East Seventh Street, Tulsa. Two-story frame construction. A total of 113 men have been initiated since charter was installed in 1946.

**UTAH STATE** . . . (Utah Alpha) 133 East Center Street, Logan. Alumni purchased in 1947. Two stories and attic, stone, can accommodate 36 men. Utah Alpha was established March 20, 1936. Since that date it has initiated 254 brothers.

**VIRGINIA** . . . (Virginia Eta) 150 Madison Lane, Charlottesville. Classic revival architecture, brick, three stories and attic, can accommodate 30, dine 60, contains 24 rooms, built in 1925. Looks up at Blue Ridge Mountains. Established 1907, roll 558.



**WAKE FOREST** . . . (North Carolina Zeta), Wake Forest. Sig Ep dwelling is unit of dormitories erected to accommodate fraternities. Chapter has another house, rented from college, which contains dining facilities and several additional rooms. Chapter established in 1940 and has initiated 170 brothers.

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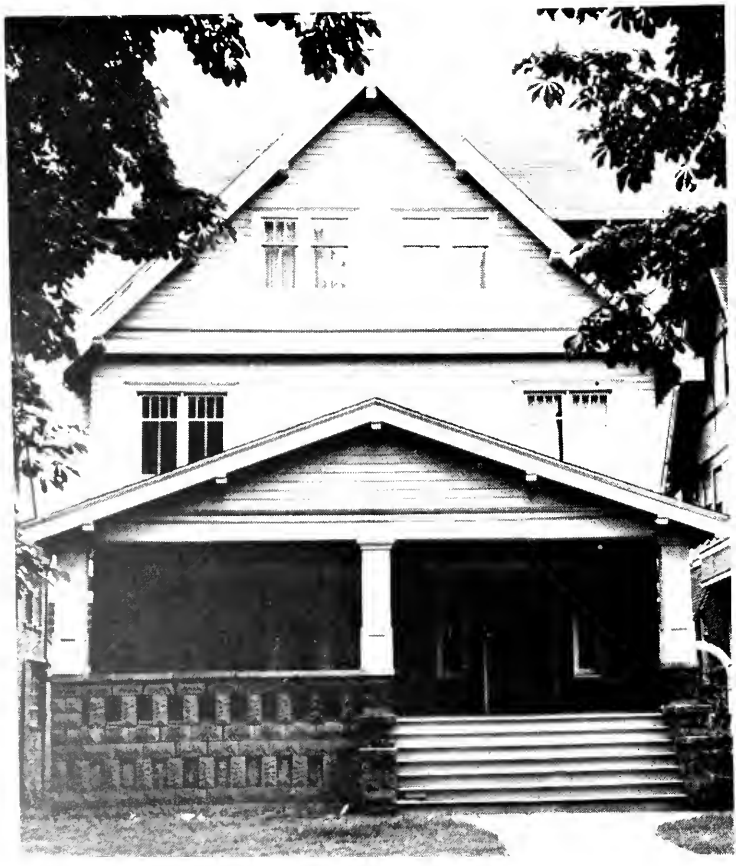

**WASHINGTON** . . . (Washington Beta) 4543 Seventeenth N.E., Seattle. Two-story frame construction. Temporary home of chapter until new home is erected. A total of 369 men have been initiated by this chapter which was installed in 1922.

**WASHINGTON STATE** . . . (Washington Alpha) 506 Colorado Street, Pullman. English Medieval style, brick construction, built in 1925. Has three floors, a basement, 19 rooms, and can house 53 men. House owned by alumni. Established 1912. Roster: 597.

**WESTMINSTER** . . . (Pennsylvania Lambda) 440 New Castle Street, New Wilmington. House two and a half stories, frame style, owned by alumni. Chapter received charter on April 30, 1938, when Theta Upsilon Omega was merged with Sig Ep. Roster: 403.

**WEST VIRGINIA** . . . (West Virginia Beta) 118 Willey Street, Morgantown. Two-story frame construction. Chapter was installed March 25, 1903, and has initiated 544 members.

**WISCONSIN** . . . (Wisconsin Beta) 102 East Gorham Street, Madison. Old style architecture, three floors, 17 rooms, can accommodate 28 men. House built in 1864 and acquired by the alumni in 1947. Chapter established in 1920, has initiated 472.

**WORCESTER** . . . (Massachusetts Beta) 11 Boynton Street. Wood construction on solid rock foundation, originally erected for president of college in 1894. Acquired by alumni in 1942. Three stories with 4-room basement. Sleeps 27, dines 45. Number of members initiated: 323.

**WYOMING** . . . (Wyoming Alpha) Fraternity Park, Laramie. House acquired in 1938 by Lambda Tau Delta local which received charter May 1, 1943. Chapter roll: 126.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

**About the passing of a Founder, boys' camp, a possible chapter at Boston, a coming meeting in Cincinnati, and other notable doings in our domain.**

### *A Founder Dies*

Sig Eps everywhere will be saddened by the news that a Founder has died. Dr. Richard Spurgeon Owens, Virginia Alpha-Founder, retired Baptist minister, died at his home at Roanoke, Va., on July 6. He was 69.

One of the twelve Founders of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Brother Owens was born on a Virginia farm (in King George County), in 1880, attended medical college in Baltimore one year before entering Richmond College, from which he transferred to Colgate Theological Seminary, where he was graduated in 1907.

His first pastorate was in Washington, D.C., but in 1911 he came to Waynesboro, Va. He preached here until 1911 when he became professor of English and headmaster at Fishburne Military School from 1916 until 1921. That year he came to Calvary Baptist Church at Roanoke, serving until his retirement in 1946.

Considered one of the best speakers of the Southern Baptist Convention, Brother Owens was a trustee of the University of Richmond, Bluefield College, and the Virginia Baptist Orphanage.

His funeral, held at Roanoke on July 8, was attended by two brothers with whom he had worked in establishing Sigma Phi Epsilon—Uncle Billy Phillips and William Hugh Carter.

Upon Brother Owens' death, the *Roanoke Times* commented editorially:

> The passing of this useful and beloved citizen is noted with deep regret. He served the community and his church loyally and well and his name assuredly belongs high on the honor roll of outstanding and public spirited Roanokers of this generation.
>
> His 25 years' pastorate at Calvary saw the membership of the congregation nearly double in size and was marked by the erection of the present church building on Campbell Avenue opposite Jefferson High School. During his pastorate Dr. Owens had the satisfaction of seeing the entire building debt of $310,000 retired and many additions and improvements made to the church property. There was widespread regret when the condition of his health necessitated his retirement four years ago.
>
> Not only in Baptist circles, of which he had been an effective and exceedingly popular leader for more than a quarter of a century, but throughout the community generally Dr. Owens was highly esteemed and a respected force for good. He was widely beloved for his engaging personality and manifest sincerity in working diligently for the welfare and betterment of the City and its people. A consecrated and devout servant of God, who served Him by serving His people, has gone to his eternal reward and Roanoke is the poorer by reason of his passing.

### Founder Richard S. Owens —A Tribute

I am greatly grieved to learn of the death of our beloved founder, Richard S. Owens of Roanoke, Va. "Dick" was a gracious and lovable comrade during our college days and a devoted friend through the long years afterward. He was an irreproachable Christian gentleman, and a good and successful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ. He built a noble character and exercised a wonderful influence for good and the higher and better things of life. He was highly esteemed by the people of the city in which he lived and labored so long and they cherished for him a sincere affection.

He lived a consecrated Christian life, purposeful and useful, and left a holy example and influence as a precious heritage to his dear ones and to his brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon. May the Heavenly Father grant abundant grace to comfort his beloved wife and son and us in this great sorrow and loss.—Thomas V. McCaul, National Chaplain.

### *We Send Boys to Camp*

THE summer of 1950 witnessed the launching of a new project for Sigma Phi Epsilon—the accumulation and use of a Camp Fund of more than a thousand dollars. In June the money received through gifts of individuals and chapters was turned over to the University of Pennsylvania Camp for Boys so that a number of underprivileged boys could benefit from the healthful experience of camp life.

This camp is operated by the Christian Association of the University and is situated at Green Lane, Pa.

As the Camp Plan receives more support in future years, activity will be fostered in various sections of the country where suitable welfare camps are located.

The project was approved by the 1947 and 1949 Conclaves and was largely the idea of Grand Secretary Bill Hindman, who some years ago served as counselor at the Green Lane camp.

### *Boston U.—Not Yet*

BECAUSE the printer was unable to correct the announcement in time, a number of copies of the June JOURNAL carried the notice that a chapter of the Fraternity was to be installed at Boston University in June. The corrected announcement which the printer was able to include in most of the pressrun stated that "Boston University, Boston, Mass., may be the home of Chapter No. 103, the installation of which may be scheduled soon."

This error was occasioned by the fact that we were trying to print some Sig Ep news while it was still fresh and got caught when plans were unexpectedly changed. News of the activity of Sig Ep colonies is not carried in the JOURNAL nor is any list of such groups carried.

### *Cincinnati Meeting*

THE Fraternity's grand officers will move one chair up when the Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter meets in Cincinnati on September 5, 6, and 7.

Dr. William C. Smolenske will become Grand President; Luis J. Roberts, Grand Vice-President; Frank H. Hamack, Grand Historian; Robert W. Kelly, Grand Guard; J. Russell Pratt, Senior Grand Marshal; and Charles F. Stewart, Junior Grand Marshal. The two other Grand officers—Grand Treasurer Edwin Buchanan and Grand Secretary William W. Hindman, Jr.—do not move through the chairs. Charles S. Thompson, now president, will become immediate past Grand President.

The trustees of the Endowment Fund will meet at the same time to deal chiefly with matters involving investment of the Fraternity's funds. Judge Earle W. Frost is chairman, other trustees being Robert L. Ryan, Walter G. Fly, Larkin Bailey, Charles S. Thompson, and William W. Hindman, Jr., who is secretary of the board.

The Hotel Terrace-Plaza, where the meeting will be held, is one of America's newest and best.

### *Fraternity Row*

DON LAZ, Illinois Alpha's nationally known pole-vaulter, is next year's track captain of the Illini. The basketball team on that campus will also have a Sig Ep captain—Don Sunderlage. And a Sig Ep coach—Harry Combes.

Penn men took first place in the last competitive sports tournament of the spring term. This chapter has both the outgoing and incoming senior class president—George Woodring and John Bicklehaupt, respectively.

The Monmouth chapter won the Kiwanis scholarship award given each semester to the fraternity on campus having highest scholarship average.

Lawrence College Sig Eps found themselves back on the scholastic top at end of spring term.

Wyoming Sig Eps placed first in the Varsity Show for the second time in two years by staging a three-ring circus.

The North Carolina chapter has three new Phi Betes—Elwood Clinard, Bob Gilchrest, and George Webb.

Just two weeks before summer vacation the Baker chapter house was partly destroyed by fire. Prompt action by Housemother Mary Blackburn, who smelled the

# ★ Directory of Officers ★

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smoke and warned the boys, resulted in the safe evacuation of all of the 34 occupants.

The Delaware house also has two varsity athletic team captains. In basketball it's Frank Albera, in golf, Bill Pie.

The Miami, Ohio, house is the one that has the most pull on the campus. Ten strong men combined their "talents" to pull the DU huskies into the Talawanda River in the final round of the annual interfraternity Tug O' War.

The Michigan Sig Eps, incidentally, did the same thing to the ATOs on that campus. Only it was the Huron River.

Michigan Sig Eps have taken the all-campus athletic trophy for the second consecutive year.

Oregon State Sig Eps came through with just under a 3.00 average winter term to top the campus and reach a new postwar high.

Historian Bob Sutherland of Tennessee announces that "The coming scholastic year is going to be a great year in social events for Tennessee Alpha Sig Eps." Let all brethren in Sigma Phi Epsilon now pray that little old scholarship isn't going to get the small end of the deal both coming and going.

In Junior Week activities at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Don Picha won third place in the all-male baking contest with an entry of a cake, says Historian Wayne C. Wiechmann, "like mother never came anywhere near making."

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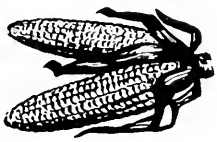

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